

115TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H. R. 621

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to sell certain Federal lands in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, and Wyoming, previously identified as suitable for disposal, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 24, 2017

Mr. Chaffetz introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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. SALE OF CERTAIN FEDERAL LANDS PRE-
- 4 VIOUSLY IDENTIFIED AS SUITABLE FOR DIS-
- 5 POSAL.
- 6 (a) Short Title.—This Act may be cited as the
- 7 "Disposal of Excess Federal Lands Act of 2017".

- 1 (b) Competitive Sale of Lands.—The Secretary
- 2 shall offer the identified Federal lands for disposal by
- 3 competitive sale for not less than fair market value as de-
- 4 termined by an independent appraiser.
- 5 (c) Existing Rights.—The sale of identified Fed-
- 6 eral lands under this section shall be subject to valid exist-
- 7 ing rights.
- 8 (d) Proceeds of Sale of Lands.—All net pro-
- 9 ceeds from the sale of identified Federal lands under this
- 10 section shall be deposited directly into the Treasury for
- 11 reduction of the public debt.
- 12 (e) Report.—Not later than 4 years after the date
- 13 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
- 14 to the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of
- 15 Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Nat-
- 16 ural Resources of the Senate—
- 17 (1) a list of any identified Federal lands that
- have not been sold under subsection (b) and the rea-
- sons such lands were not sold; and
- 20 (2) an update of the report submitted to Con-
- 21 gress by the Secretary on May 27, 1997, pursuant
- to section 390(g) of the Federal Agriculture Im-
- provement and Reform Act of 1996 (Public Law
- 24 104–127; 110 Stat. 1024), including a current in-
- ventory of the Federal lands under the administra-

1	tive jurisdiction of the Secretary that are suitable
2	for disposal.
3	(f) Definitions.—In this section:
4	(1) Identified federal lands.—The term
5	"identified Federal lands" means the parcels of Fed-
6	eral land under the administrative jurisdiction of the
7	Secretary that were identified as suitable for dis-
8	posal in the report submitted to Congress by the
9	Secretary on May 27, 1997, pursuant to section
10	390(g) of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and
11	Reform Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–127; 110
12	Stat. 1024), except the following:
13	(A) Lands not identified for disposal in the
14	applicable land use plan.
15	(B) Lands subject to a Recreation and
16	Public Purpose conveyance application.
17	(C) Lands identified for State selection.
18	(D) Lands identified for Indian tribe allot-
19	ments.
20	(E) Lands identified for local government
21	use.
22	(2) Secretary.—The term "Secretary" means
23	the Secretary of the Interior.

1 SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION REGARDING STATE LAWS.

- Nothing in this Act shall affect the implementation
- $3\,$ of State laws, including State enabling Acts.

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