

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 4439

AN ACT

To take certain Federal land located in Siskiyou County, California, and Humboldt County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Karuk Tribe, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Katimiîn and
3 Aamekyáaraam Sacred Lands Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. LAND HELD IN TRUST FOR THE KARUK TRIBE.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

6 (1) the Katimiîn and Aamekyáaraam land is lo-
7 cated in the ancestral territory of the Karuk Tribe;
8 and

9 (2) the Karuk Tribe has historically used, and
10 has an ongoing relationship with, the Katimiîn and
11 Aamekyáaraam land.

12 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) KATIMIÎN AND AAMEKYÁARAAM LAND.—
14 The term “Katimiîn and Aamekyáaraam land”
15 means the approximately 1,031 acres of Federal
16 land, including improvements and appurtenances to
17 the Federal land, located in Siskiyou County, Cali-
18 fornia, and Humboldt County, California, and gen-
19 erally depicted as “Proposed Area” on the map of
20 the Forest Service entitled “Katimiîn Area Bound-
21 ary Proposal” and dated August 9, 2021.

22 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
23 the Secretary of the Interior.

24 (c) ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSFER.—Administrative ju-
25 risdiction of the Katimiîn and Aamekyáaraam land is
26 hereby transferred from the Secretary of Agriculture to

1 the Secretary, subject to the condition that the Chief of
2 the Forest Service shall continue to manage the compo-
3 nent of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System that
4 flows through the Katimiîn and Aamekyáaraam land.

5 (d) LAND HELD IN TRUST.—The Katimiîn and
6 Aamekyáaraam land is hereby taken into trust by the Sec-
7 retary for the benefit of the Karuk Tribe, subject to—

8 (1) valid existing rights, contracts, and manage-
9 ment agreements relating to easements and rights-
10 of-way; and

11 (2) continued access by the Chief of the Forest
12 Service for the purpose of managing the component
13 of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System that
14 flows through the Katimiîn and Aamekyáaraam
15 land.

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

20 (f) USE OF LAND.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Land taken into trust under
22 subsection (d) may be used for traditional and cus-
23 tomary uses for the benefit of the Karuk Tribe.

24 (2) GAMING.—Class II and class III gaming
25 under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C.

1 2701 et seq.) shall not be allowed on the land taken
2 into trust under subsection (d).

3 (g) WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS MANAGEMENT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this section af-
5 fects the status or administration of any component
6 of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, in-
7 cluding any component that flows through the land
8 taken into trust under subsection (d).

9 (2) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—The
10 Secretary of Agriculture shall enter into a memo-
11 randum of understanding with the Karuk Tribe,
12 consistent with the obligations of the Secretary of
13 Agriculture under subsection (c), to establish mutual
14 goals for the protection and enhancement of the
15 river values of any component of the National Wild
16 and Scenic Rivers System that flows through the
17 land taken into trust under subsection (d).

Passed the Senate December 21, 2022.

Attest:

Secretary.

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