

Union Calendar No. 496

117TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 6032

[Report No. 117-679]

To take certain Federal lands located in Siskiyou County, California, and Humboldt County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Karuk Tribe, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 18, 2021

Mr. HUFFMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

DECEMBER 30, 2022

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on November 18, 2021]

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 “Katimiîn and*
 5 *Ameekyáaraam Sacred Lands Act”.*

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

7 *(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—*

8 *(1) the Katimiîn and Ameekyáaraam land is lo-*
 9 *cated in the ancestral territory of the Karuk Tribe;*
 10 *and*

11 *(2) the Karuk Tribe has historically used, and*
 12 *has an ongoing relationship with, the Katimiîn and*
 13 *Ameekyáaraam land.*

14 *(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

15 *(1) KATIMIÎN AND AMEEKYÁARAAM LAND.—The*
 16 *term “Katimiîn and Ameekyáaraam land” means the*
 17 *approximately 1,031 acres of Federal land, including*
 18 *improvements and appurtenances to the Federal land,*
 19 *located in Siskiyou County, California, and Hum-*
 20 *boldt County, California, and generally depicted as*
 21 *“Proposed Area” on the map of the Forest Service en-*
 22 *titled “Katimiîn Area Boundary Proposal” and dated*
 23 *August 9, 2021.*

24 *(2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means*
 25 *the Secretary of the Interior.*

1 (c) *ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSFER.*—*Administrative ju-*
 2 *risdiction of the Katimiîn and Aameekyáaraam land is here-*
 3 *by transferred from the Secretary of Agriculture to the Sec-*
 4 *retary, subject to the condition that the Chief of the Forest*
 5 *Service shall continue to manage the component of the Na-*
 6 *tional Wild and Scenic Rivers System that flows through*
 7 *the Katimiîn and Aameekyáaraam land.*

8 (d) *LAND HELD IN TRUST.*—*The Katimiîn and*
 9 *Aameekyáaraam land is hereby taken into trust by the Sec-*
 10 *retary for the benefit of the Karuk Tribe, subject to—*

11 (1) *valid existing rights, contracts, and manage-*
 12 *ment agreements relating to easements and rights-of-*
 13 *way; and*

14 (2) *continued access by the Chief of the Forest*
 15 *Service for the purpose of managing the component of*
 16 *the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System that*
 17 *flows through the Katimiîn and Aameekyáaraam land.*

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

22 (f) *USE OF LAND.*—

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

1 (2) *GAMING.*—*Class II and class III gaming*
2 *under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C.*
3 *2701 et seq.) shall not be allowed on the land taken*
4 *into trust under subsection (d).*

5 (g) *WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS MANAGEMENT.*—

6 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Nothing in this section affects*
7 *the status or administration of any component of the*
8 *National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, including*
9 *any component that flows through the land taken into*
10 *trust under subsection (d).*

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

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