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H. R. 8848

To convey certain Federal land in California to Twentynine Palms, California.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COOK 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Twentynine Palms
5 Outdoor Recreational Enhancement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE FOR CITY OF TWENTYNINE PALMS.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) CITY.—The term “City” means the city of
9 Twentynine Palms, California.

10 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
11 the Secretary of the Interior.

1 (b) CONVEYANCE OF FEDERAL LAND TO CITY.—

2 (1) CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—At the request
3 of the city of Twentynine Palms, California, not
4 later than 5 years after the date of the enactment
5 of this Act, the Secretary shall convey to the City,
6 without consideration, all right, title, and interest of
7 the United States in and to the surface estate of the
8 land generally as “Proposed Conveyance to
9 Twentynine Palms” on the map entitled “Proposed
10 Conveyance to Twentynine Palms” and dated Sep-
11 tember 18, 2015.

12 (2) EXISTING RIGHTS AND MINERAL ESTATE.—

13 The conveyance under this subsection—

14 (A) is subject to valid existing rights; and

15 (B) does not include the mineral estate.

16 (c) USE OF CONVEYED LAND.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—The land conveyed under
18 subsection (b) may be used by the City for any pub-
19 lic purpose authorized in paragraph (2), consistent
20 with the Act of June 14, 1926 (commonly known as
21 the Recreation and Public Purposes Act; 43 U.S.C.
22 869 et seq.).

23 (2) AUTHORIZED PURPOSES.—The purposes of
24 the conveyance under subsection (b) are to permit
25 the City to use the conveyed land to provide—

1 (A) a suitable location for the establish-
2 ment of a centralized off-road vehicle recreation
3 park;

4 (B) the public with opportunities for off-
5 road vehicle recreation, including a location for
6 races, competitive events, training, and other
7 commercial services that directly support a cen-
8 tralized off-road vehicle recreation area and
9 City park; and

10 (C) a designated area and facilities that
11 would discourage unauthorized use of off-high-
12 way vehicles in areas that have been identified
13 by the Federal Government, the State of Cali-
14 fornia, or the County of San Bernardino as
15 containing environmentally sensitive land.

16 (3) DISPOSAL PROHIBITED.—The land con-
17 veyed under subsection (b) may not be disposed of
18 by the City without the approval of the Secretary of
19 the Interior.

20 (d) TEMPORARY REVERSIONARY INTEREST.—During
21 the 5-year period beginning on the date of the conveyance
22 of the land under subsection (b), if the Secretary of the
23 Interior determines that the City has disposed of the con-
24 veyed land in violation of subsection (c)(3) or has failed
25 to use the land for the authorized purposes laid out in

1 subsection (c)(2), title to the land shall revert to the
2 United States, at the option of the Secretary. At the end
3 of the 5-year period, the Secretary shall release the rever-
4 sionary interest.

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