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S. 5265

To take certain land into trust for the benefit of the Tonto Apache Tribe,
and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

Ms. SINEMA (for herself and Mr. KELLY) introduced the following bill; which
was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources

A BILL

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Apache 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Tonto Apache Land
5 Transfer Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. TONTO APACHE TRIBE LAND TRANSFER.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after the
8 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture
9 shall transfer administrative jurisdiction over the National
10 Forest System land described in subsection (b) to the Sec-

1 reitary of the Interior, who is authorized and directed to
 2 take and hold that land in trust for the benefit of the
 3 Tonto Apache Tribe.

4 (b) NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LAND DE-
 5 SCRIBED.—The land referred to in subsections (a) and (d)
 6 is, in T. 10 N., R. 10 E., Gila and Salt River Meridian,
 7 Gila County, Arizona—

8 (1) 20 acres in the $S^{1/2}$ $SW^{1/4}$ $SW^{1/4}$ of sec. 9;

9 (2) 10 acres in the $SW^{1/4}$ $SE^{1/4}$ $SW^{1/4}$ of sec.
 10 9;

11 (3) 40 acres in the $NE^{1/4}$ $SE^{1/4}$ of sec. 10;

12 (4) 40 acres in the $SE^{1/4}$ $SE^{1/4}$ of sec. 10;

13 (5) 640 acres in sec. 15;

14 (6) 640 acres in sec. 16;

15 (7) 640 acres in sec. 17;

16 (8) 320 acres in the $N^{1/2}$ of sec. 20;

17 (9) 20 acres in the $N^{1/2}$ $NW^{1/4}$ $SW^{1/4}$ of sec.
 18 20;

19 (10) 20 acres in the $N^{1/2}$ $NE^{1/4}$ $SW^{1/4}$ of sec.
 20 20;

21 (11) 40 acres in the $NW^{1/4}$ $SE^{1/4}$ of sec. 20;

22 (12) 40 acres in the $NE^{1/4}$ $SE^{1/4}$ of sec. 20;

23 (13) 40 acres in the $SE^{1/4}$ $SE^{1/4}$ of sec 20;

24 (14) 20 acres in the $N^{1/2}$ $SW^{1/4}$ $SE^{1/4}$ of sec.
 25 20;

1 (15) 320 acres in the N¹/₂ of sec. 21;

2 (16) 160 acres in the SW¹/₄ of sec. 21;

3 (17) 40 acres in the NW¹/₄ SE¹/₄ of sec. 21;

4 and

5 (18) 10 acres in the NW¹/₄ SW¹/₄ SE¹/₄ of sec.
6 21.

7 (c) RESERVATION STATUS.—The land taken into
8 trust under subsection (a) shall be—

9 (1) part of the Reservation of the Tonto Apache
10 Tribe; and

11 (2) administered in accordance with the laws
12 and regulations generally applicable to land held in
13 trust by the United States for an Indian Tribe.

14 (d) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to all valid existing
15 rights, including easements, rights-of-way, contracts, and
16 management agreements, the land described in subsection
17 (b) is withdrawn from all forms of—

18 (1) entry, appropriation, or disposal under the
19 public land laws;

20 (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining
21 laws; and

22 (3) disposition under all laws pertaining to min-
23 eral and geothermal leasing or mineral materials.

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