#### 109TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

# S. 3772

To establish wilderness areas, promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for high quality development in White Pine County, Nevada, and for other purposes.

#### IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

August 1, 2006

Mr. Ensign (for himself and Mr. Reid) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and 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. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.
- 4 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
- 5 as are necessary to carry out this Act.
- 6 SEC. 2. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.
- 7 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
- 8 "White Pine County Conservation, Recreation, and Devel-
- 9 opment Act of 2006".

#### 1 (b) Table of Contents for

#### 2 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Authorization of appropriations.
- Sec. 2. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 3. Definitions.

#### TITLE I—LAND DISPOSAL

- Sec. 101. Conveyance of White Pine County, Nevada, land.
- Sec. 102. Disposition of proceeds.

#### TITLE II—WILDERNESS AREAS

- Sec. 201. Short title.
- Sec. 202. Findings.
- Sec. 203. Additions to National Wilderness Preservation System.
- Sec. 204. Administration.
- Sec. 205. Adjacent management.
- Sec. 206. Military overflights.
- Sec. 207. Native American cultural and religious uses.
- Sec. 208. Release of wilderness study areas.
- Sec. 209. Wildlife management.
- Sec. 210. Wildfire management.
- Sec. 211. Climatological data collection.

#### TITLE III—TRANSFERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION

- Sec. 301. Transfer to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.
- Sec. 302. Transfer to the Bureau of Land Management.
- Sec. 303. Availability of map and legal descriptions.

#### TITLE IV—PUBLIC CONVEYANCES

- Sec. 401. Conveyance to the State of Nevada.
- Sec. 402. Conveyance to White Pine County, Nevada.

#### TITLE V—SILVER STATE OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE TRAIL

Sec. 501. Silver State off-highway vehicle trail.

### TITLE VI—TRANSFER OF LAND TO BE HELD IN TRUST FOR THE ELY SHOSHONE TRIBE.

Sec. 601. Transfer of land to be held in trust for the Ely Shoshone Tribe.

### TITLE VII—EASTERN NEVADA LANDSCAPE RESTORATION PROJECT.

- Sec. 701. Findings; purposes.
- Sec. 702. Definitions.
- Sec. 703. Restoration project.

## TITLE VIII—AMENDMENTS TO THE SOUTHERN NEVADA PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT ACT OF 1998

- Sec. 801. Findings.
- Sec. 802. Definitions.

TITLE IX—GREAT BASIN HERITAGE ROUTE

Sec. 803. Availability of special account.

Sec. 804. Affordable housing.

	<ul> <li>Sec. 901. Short title.</li> <li>Sec. 902. Findings and purposes.</li> <li>Sec. 903. Definitions.</li> <li>Sec. 904. Great Basin National Heritage Route.</li> <li>Sec. 905. Memorandum of understanding.</li> <li>Sec. 906. Management Plan.</li> <li>Sec. 907. Authority and duties of local coordinating entity.</li> <li>Sec. 908. Duties and authorities of Federal agencies.</li> <li>Sec. 909. Land use regulation; applicability of Federal law.</li> <li>Sec. 910. Authorization of appropriations.</li> <li>Sec. 911. Termination of authority.</li> </ul>
1	SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.
2	In this Act:
3	(1) County.—The term "County" means
4	White Pine County, Nevada.
5	(2) Secretary.—The term "Secretary"
6	means—
7	(A) with respect to land in the National
8	Forest System, the Secretary of Agriculture;
9	and
10	(B) with respect to other Federal land, the
11	Secretary of the Interior.
12	(3) STATE.—The term "State" means the State
13	of Nevada.
14	TITLE I—LAND DISPOSAL
15	SEC. 101. CONVEYANCE OF WHITE PINE COUNTY, NEVADA,
16	LAND.
17	(a) In General.—Notwithstanding sections 202 and
18	203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of
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1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712, 1713), the Secretary, in cooperation with the County, in accordance with that Act, this 3 title, and other applicable law and subject to valid existing 4 rights, shall, at such time as the parcels of Federal land become available for disposal, conduct sales of the parcels of Federal land described in subsection (b) to qualified 6 7 bidders. 8 (b) Description of Land.—The parcels of Federal land referred to in subsection (a) consist of not more than 10 45,000 acres of Bureau of Land Management land in the County that— 11 12 (1) is not segregated or withdrawn on or after 13 the date of enactment of this Act; and 14 (2) is identified for disposal by the Bureau of 15 Land Management through— 16 (A) the Ely Resource Management Plan; 17 or 18 (B) a subsequent amendment to the man-19 agement plan that is undertaken with full pub-20 lic involvement. 21 (c) AVAILABILITY.—The map and any legal descriptions of the Federal land conveyed under this section shall 23 be on file and available for public inspection in— 24 (1) the Office of the Director of the Bureau of

Land Management;

1	(2) the Office of the Nevada State Director of
2	the Bureau of Land Management; and
3	(3) the Ely Field Office of the Bureau of Land
4	Management.
5	(d) Joint Selection Required.—The Secretary
6	and the County shall jointly select which parcels of Fed-
7	eral land described in subsection (b) to offer for sale under
8	subsection (a).
9	(e) Compliance With Local Planning and Zon-
10	ING LAWS.—Before a sale of Federal land under sub-
11	section (a), the County shall submit to the Secretary a
12	certification that qualified bidders have agreed to comply
13	with—
14	(1) County and city zoning ordinances; and
15	(2) any master plan for the area approved by
16	the County.
17	(f) Method of Sale; Consideration.—The sale of
18	Federal land under subsection (a) shall be—
19	(1) consistent with subsections (d) and (f) of
20	section 203 of the Federal Land Management Policy
21	Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1713);
22	(2) unless otherwise determined by the Sec-
23	retary, through a competitive bidding process; and
24	(3) for not less than fair market value.
25	(or) WITHDRAWAL —

1	(1) In general.—Subject to valid existing
2	rights and except as provided in paragraph (2), the
3	Federal land described in subsection (b) is with-
4	drawn from—
5	(A) all forms of entry and appropriation
6	under the public land laws and mining laws;
7	(B) location and patent under the mining
8	laws; and
9	(C) operation of the mineral laws, geo-
10	thermal leasing laws, and mineral material
11	laws.
12	(2) Exception.—Paragraph (1)(A) shall not
13	apply to sales made consistent with this section or
14	an election by the County or the State to obtain the
15	land described in subsection (b) for public purposes
16	under the Act of June 14, 1926 (commonly known
17	as the "Recreation and Public Purposes Act") (43
18	U.S.C. 869 et seq.).
19	(h) Deadline for Sale.—
20	(1) In general.—Except as provided in para-
21	graph (2), not later than 1 year after the date of en-
22	actment of this Act and annually thereafter until the
23	Federal land described in subsection (b) is disposed

of or the County requests a postponement under

1	paragraph (2), the Secretary shall offer for sale the
2	Federal land described in subsection (b).
3	(2) Postponement; exclusion from sale.—
4	(A) Request by county for postpone-
5	MENT OR EXCLUSION.—At the request of the
6	County, the Secretary shall postpone or exclude
7	from the sale all or a portion of the land de-
8	scribed in subsection (b).
9	(B) Indefinite postponement.—Unless
10	specifically requested by the County, a post-
11	ponement under subparagraph (A) shall not be
12	indefinite.
13	SEC. 102. DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.
14	(a) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.—Of the proceeds
15	from the sale of Federal land described in section
16	101(b)—
17	(1) 5 percent shall be paid directly to the State
18	for use in the general education program of the
19	State;
20	(2) 10 percent shall be paid to the County for
21	use for fire protection, law enforcement, public safe-
22	ty, housing, social services, transportation, and nat-
23	ural resource planning; and
24	(3) the remainder shall be deposited in a special
25	account in the Treasury of the United States, to be

1	known as the "White Pine County Special Account"
2	(referred to in this title as the "special account"),
3	and shall be available without further appropriation
4	to the Secretary until expended for—

- (A) the reimbursement of costs incurred by the Nevada State office and the Ely Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management for preparing for the sale of Federal land described in section 101(b), including the costs of surveys and appraisals and compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321) and sections 202 and 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712, 1713);
- (B) the inventory, evaluation, protection, and management of unique archaeological resources (as defined in section 3 of the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 (16 U.S.C. 470bb)) of the County;
- (C) the reimbursement of costs incurred by the Department of the Interior for preparing and carrying out the transfers of land to be held in trust by the United States under section 601;

1	(D) processing public land use authoriza-
2	tions and rights-of-way relating to the develop-
3	ment of land conveyed under section 101(a);
4	(E) conducting a study of routes for the
5	Silver State Off-Highway Vehicle Trail as re-
6	quired by section 501(a);
7	(F) developing and implementing the Silver
8	State Off-Highway Vehicle Trail management
9	plan described in section 501(c);
10	(G) processing wilderness designations, in-
11	cluding the costs of appropriate fencing, sign-
12	age, public education, and enforcement for the
13	wilderness areas designated;
14	(H) if the Secretary determines necessary,
15	developing and implementing conservation plans
16	for endangered or at risk species in the County;
17	and
18	(I) carrying out a study to assess non-mo-
19	torized recreation opportunities on Federal land
20	in the County.
21	(b) Investment of Special Account.—Any
22	amounts deposited in the special account shall earn inter-
23	est in an amount determined by the Secretary of the
24	Treasury on the basis of the current average market yield
25	on outstanding marketable obligations of the United

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1	SEC. 203. ADDITIONS TO NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESER-
2	VATION SYSTEM.
3	(a) Additions.—The following land in the State is
4	designated as wilderness and as components of the Na-
5	tional Wilderness Preservation System:
6	(1) Mt. Moriah wilderness addition.—Cer-
7	tain Federal land managed by the Forest Service
8	and the Bureau of Land Management, comprising
9	approximately 11,193 acres, as generally depicted on
10	the map entitled "Eastern White Pine County" and
11	dated August 1, 2006, is incorporated in, and shall
12	be managed as part of, the Mt. Moriah Wilderness,
13	as designated by section 2(13) of the Nevada Wil-
14	derness Protection Act of 1989 (16 U.S.C. 1132
15	note; Public Law 101–195).
16	(2) Mount Grafton Wilderness.—Certain
17	Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Man-
18	agement, comprising approximately 66,918 acres, as
19	generally depicted on the map entitled "Southern
20	White Pine County" and dated August 1, 2006,
21	which shall be known as the "Mount Grafton Wil-
22	derness''.
23	(3) South egan range wilderness.—Cer-
24	tain Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land

Management, comprising approximately 42,967

acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled

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- 1 "Southern White Pine County" and dated August 1, 2 2006, which shall be known as the "South Egan
- 3 Range Wilderness".

- 4 (4) Egan Ridgeline Wilderness.—Certain
  5 Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Man6 agement, comprising approximately 18,669 acres, as
  7 generally depicted on the map entitled "Southern
  8 White Pine County" and dated August 1, 2006,
  9 which shall be known as the "Egan Ridgeline Wilderness".
  - (5) HIGHLAND RIDGE WILDERNESS.—Certain Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service, comprising approximately 70,098 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled "Southern White Pine County" and dated August 1, 2006, which shall be known as the "Highland Ridge Wilderness".
  - (6) GOVERNMENT PEAK WILDERNESS.—Certain Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Management, comprising approximately 6,313 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled "Eastern White Pine County" and dated August 1, 2006, which shall be known as the "Government Peak Wilderness".

- (7) Currant mountain wilderness addi-TION.—Certain Federal land managed by the Forest Service, comprising approximately 10,631 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled "Western White Pine County" and dated August 1, 2006, is incorporated in, and shall be managed as part of, the "Currant Mountain Wilderness", as designated by section 2(4) of the Nevada Wilderness Protection Act of 1989 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; Public Law 101– 195).
  - (8) RED MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS.—Certain Federal land managed by the Forest Service, comprising approximately 20,490 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled "Western White Pine County" and dated August 1, 2006, which shall be known as the "Red Mountain Wilderness".
  - (9) Bald Mountain Wilderness.—Certain Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service, comprising approximately 22,352 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled "Western White Pine County" and dated August 1, 2006, which shall be known as the "Bald Mountain Wilderness".
- 24 (10) WHITE PINE RANGE WILDERNESS.—Cer-25 tain Federal land managed by the Forest Service,

- comprising approximately 42,562 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled "Western White Pine County" and dated August 1, 2006, which shall be known as the "White Pine Range Wilderness".
- 5 (11) SHELLBACK WILDERNESS.—Certain Fed-6 eral land managed by the Forest Service, comprising 7 approximately 36,133 acres, as generally depicted on 8 the map entitled "Western White Pine County" and 9 dated August 1, 2006, which shall be known as the 10 "Shellback Wilderness".
  - (12) SCHELL CREEK RANGE WILDERNESS.—
    Certain Federal land managed by the Forest Service, comprising approximately 122,123 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled "Eastern White Pine County" and dated August 1, 2006, which shall be known as the "Schell Creek Wilderness".
  - (13) Becky peak wilderness.—Certain Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Management, comprising approximately 18,119 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled "Northern White Pine County" and dated August 1, 2006, which shall be known as the "Becky Peak Wilderness".
  - (14) Goshute Canyon Wilderness.—Certain Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Man-

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- 1 agement, comprising approximately 42,657 acres, as
- 2 generally depicted on the map entitled "Northern
- White Pine County" and dated August 1, 2006,
- 4 which shall be known as the "Goshute Canyon Wil-
- 5 derness''.
- 6 (15) Bristlecone Wilderness.—Certain
- 7 Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Man-
- 8 agement, comprising approximately 14,095 acres, as
- 9 generally depicted on the map entitled "Eastern
- 10 White Pine County" and dated August 1, 2006,
- which shall be known as the "Bristlecone Wilder-
- ness".
- 13 (b) BOUNDARY.—The boundary of any portion of a
- 14 wilderness area designated by subsection (a) that is bor-
- 15 dered by a road shall be at least 100 feet from the edge
- 16 of the road to allow public access.
- 17 (c) Map and Legal Description.—
- 18 (1) In general.—As soon as practicable after
- the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
- shall file a map and legal description of each wilder-
- 21 ness area designated by subsection (a) with the
- Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the
- Senate and the Committee on Resources of the
- House of Representatives.

1	(2) Effect.—Each map and legal description
2	shall have the same force and effect as if included
3	in this section, except that the Secretary may correct
4	clerical and typographical errors in the map or legal
5	description.
6	(3) AVAILABILITY.—Each map and legal de-
7	scription shall be on file and available for public in-
8	spection in—
9	(A) the Office of the Director of the Bu-
10	reau of Land Management;
11	(B) the Office of the Nevada State Direc-
12	tor of the Bureau of Land Management;
13	(C) the Ely Field Office of the Bureau of
14	Land Management;
15	(D) the Office of the Chief of the Forest
16	Service;
17	(E) the Office of the Regional Forester,
18	Region 4; and
19	(F) the Office of the Forest Supervisor of
20	the Humbold-Toiyabe National Forest; and
21	(G) the Ely Ranger District Office of the
22	Forest Service.
23	(d) Withdrawal.—Subject to valid existing rights,
24	the wilderness areas designated by subsection (a) are with-
25	drawn from—

1	(1) all forms of entry, appropriation, and dis-
2	posal under the public land laws;
3	(2) location, entry, and patent under the mining
4	laws; and
5	(3) operation of the mineral leasing and geo-
6	thermal leasing laws.
7	(e) Mt. Moriah Wilderness Boundary Adjust-
8	MENT.—The boundary of the Mt. Moriah Wilderness es-
9	tablished under section 2(13) of the Nevada Wilderness
10	Protection Act of 1989 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; Public Law
11	101–195) is adjusted to include only the land identified
12	as the "Mount Moriah Wilderness" on the map entitled
13	"Eastern White Pine County" and dated August 1, 2006.
14	SEC. 204. ADMINISTRATION.
15	(a) Management.—Subject to valid existing rights,
16	each area designated as wilderness by this title shall be
17	administered by the Secretary in accordance with the Wil-
18	derness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), except that—
19	(1) any reference in that Act to the effective
20	date shall be considered to be a reference to the date
21	of enactment of this Act; and
22	(2) any reference in that Act to the Secretary
23	of Agriculture shall be considered to be a reference
24	to the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of
25	the Interior, as appropriate.

1	(b) Livestock.—Within the wilderness areas des-
2	ignated under this title that are administered by the Bu-
3	reau of Land Management and the Forest Service, the
4	grazing of livestock in areas in which grazing is estab-
5	lished as of the date of enactment of this Act shall be
6	allowed to continue—
7	(1) subject to such reasonable regulations, poli-
8	cies, and practices that the Secretary considers nec-
9	essary; and
10	(2) consistent with section 4(d)(4) of the Wil-
11	derness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(4)), including the
12	guidelines set forth in Appendix A of House Report
13	101–405.
14	(c) Incorporation of Acquired Land and Inter-
15	ESTS.—Any land or interest in land within the boundaries
16	of an area designated as wilderness by this title that is
17	acquired by the United States after the date of enactment
18	of this Act shall be added to and administered as part
19	of the wilderness area within which the acquired land or
20	interest is located.
21	(d) Water Rights.—
22	(1) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—
23	(A) the land designated as wilderness by
24	this title is located—

1	(i) in the semiarid region of the Great
2	Basin; and
3	(ii) at the headwaters of the streams
4	and rivers on land with respect to which
5	there are few if any—
6	(I) actual or proposed water re-
7	source facilities located upstream; and
8	(II) opportunities for diversion,
9	storage, or other uses of water occur-
10	ring outside the land that would ad-
11	versely affect the wilderness values of
12	the land;
13	(B) the land designated as wilderness by
14	this title is generally not suitable for use or de-
15	velopment of new water resource facilities; and
16	(C) because of the unique nature of the
17	land designated as wilderness by this title, it is
18	possible to provide for proper management and
19	protection of the wilderness and other values of
20	land in ways different from those used in other
21	laws.
22	(2) Purpose.—The purpose of this section is
23	to protect the wilderness values of the land des-
24	ignated as wilderness by this title by means other
25	than a federally reserved water right.

1	(3) Statutory construction.—Nothing in
2	this title—
3	(A) shall constitute or be construed to con-
4	stitute either an express or implied reservation
5	by the United States of any water or water
6	rights with respect to a wilderness designated
7	by this title;
8	(B) shall affect any water rights in the
9	State (including any water rights held by the
10	United States) in existence on the date of en-
11	actment of this Act;
12	(C) shall be construed as establishing a
13	precedent with regard to any future wilderness
14	designations;
15	(D) shall affect the interpretation of, or
16	any designation made pursuant to, any other
17	Act; or
18	(E) shall be construed as limiting, altering,
19	modifying, or amending any interstate compact
20	or equitable apportionment decree that appor-
21	tions water among and between the State and
22	other States.
23	(4) NEVADA WATER LAW.—The Secretary shall
24	follow the procedural and substantive requirements
25	of State law in order to obtain and hold any water

1 rights not in existence on the date of enactment of 2 this Act with respect to the wilderness areas des-3 ignated by this title. 4

#### (5) New Projects.—

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- (A) DEFINITION OF WATER RESOURCE FA-CILITY.—In this paragraph, the term "water resource facility"—
  - (i) means irrigation and pumping facilities. reservoirs, water conservation works, aqueducts, canals, ditches, pipelines, wells, hydropower projects, transmission and other ancillary facilities, and other water diversion, storage, and carriage structures; and
    - (ii) does not include wildlife guzzlers.
- (B) RESTRICTION ON NEW WATER RE-SOURCE FACILITIES.—Except as otherwise provided in this Act, on or after the date of enactment of this Act, neither the President nor any other officer, employee, or agent of the United States shall fund, assist, authorize, or issue a license or permit for the development of any new water resource facility within a wilderness area that is wholly or partially within the County.

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1	SEC. 205. ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.
2	(a) In General.—Congress does not intend for the
3	designation of wilderness in the State by this title to lead
4	to the creation of protective perimeters or buffer zones
5	around any such wilderness area.
6	(b) Nonwilderness Activities.—The fact that
7	nonwilderness activities or uses can be seen or heard from
8	areas within a wilderness designated under this title shall
9	not preclude the conduct of those activities or uses outside
10	the boundary of the wilderness area.
11	SEC. 206. MILITARY OVERFLIGHTS.
12	Nothing in this title restricts or precludes—
13	(1) low-level overflights of military aircraft over
14	the areas designated as wilderness by this title, in-
15	cluding military overflights that can be seen or
16	heard within the wilderness areas;
17	(2) flight testing and evaluation; or
18	(3) the designation or creation of new units of
19	special use airspace, or the establishment of military

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flight training routes, over the wilderness areas.

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- 23 Nothing in this title shall be construed to diminish—
- 24 (1) the rights of any Indian tribe; or

1	(2) tribal rights regarding access to Federal
2	land for tribal activities, including spiritual, cultural,
3	and traditional food-gathering activities.
4	SEC. 208. RELEASE OF WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS.
5	(a) FINDING.—Congress finds that, for the purposes
6	of section 603 of the Federal Land Policy and Manage-
7	ment Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1782), the Bureau of Land
8	Management land has been adequately studied for wilder-
9	ness designation in any portion of the wilderness study
10	areas or instant study areas—
11	(1) not designated as wilderness by section
12	203(a), excluding the portion of the Goshute Canyon
13	Wilderness Study Area located outside of the Coun-
14	ty; and
15	(2) depicted as released on the maps entitled—
16	(A) "Eastern White Pine County" and
17	dated August 1, 2006;
18	(B) "Northern White Pine County" and
19	dated August 1, 2006;
20	(C) "Southern White Pine County" and
21	dated August 1, 2006; and
22	(D) "Western White Pine County" and
23	dated August 1, 2006.
24	(b) Release.—

1	(1) In general.—Any public land described in
2	subsection (a) that is not designated as wilderness
3	by this title—
4	(A) is no longer subject to section 603(c)
5	of the Federal Land Policy and Management
6	Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1782(c));
7	(B) shall be managed in accordance with—
8	(i) land management plans adopted
9	under section 202 of that Act (43 U.S.C.
10	1712); and
11	(ii) cooperative conservation agree-
12	ments in existence on the date of enact-
13	ment of this Act; and
14	(C) shall be subject to the Endangered
15	Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).
16	(2) Exception.—The requirements described
17	in paragraph (1) shall not apply to the portion of
18	the Goshute Canyon Wilderness Study Area located
19	outside of the County.
20	SEC. 209. WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT.
21	(a) In General.—In accordance with section
22	4(d)(7) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. $1133(d)(7)$ ),
23	nothing in this title affects the jurisdiction of the State
24	with respect to fish and wildlife management, including

- 1 the regulation of hunting, fishing, and trapping, in the wil-
- 2 derness areas designated by this title.
- 3 (b) Management Activities.—In furtherance of
- 4 the purposes and principles of the Wilderness Act (16
- 5 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), the Secretary may conduct such
- 6 management activities as are necessary to maintain or re-
- 7 store fish and wildlife populations and habitats in the wil-
- 8 derness areas designated by this title if those activities are
- 9 conducted—
- 10 (1) consistent with relevant wilderness manage-
- 11 ment plans; and
- 12 (2) in accordance with appropriate policies such
- as those set forth in Appendix B of House Report
- 14 101–405.
- 15 (c) Existing Activities.—Consistent with section
- 16 4(d)(1) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(1)) and
- 17 in accordance with appropriate policies such as those set
- 18 forth in Appendix B of House Report 101–405, the State
- 19 may continue to use aircraft, including helicopters, to sur-
- 20 vey, capture, transplant, monitor, and provide water for
- 21 wildlife populations, including bighorn sheep, and feral
- 22 stock, feral horses, and feral burros.
- 23 (d) Wildlife Water Development Projects.—
- 24 Subject to subsection (f), the Secretary shall authorize
- 25 structures and facilities, including existing structures and

1	facilities, for wildlife water development projects, including
2	guzzlers, in the wilderness areas designated by this title
3	if—
4	(1) the structures and facilities will, as deter-
5	mined by the Secretary, enhance wilderness values
6	by promoting healthy, viable, and more naturally
7	distributed wildlife populations; and
8	(2) the visual impacts of the structures and fa-
9	cilities on the wilderness areas can reasonably be
10	minimized.
11	(e) Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping.—
12	(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may des-
13	ignate by regulation areas in which, and establish
14	periods during which, for reasons of public safety,
15	administration, or compliance with applicable laws,
16	no hunting, fishing, or trapping will be permitted in
17	the wilderness areas designated by this title.
18	(2) Consultation.—Except in emergencies,
19	the Secretary shall consult with the appropriate
20	State agency before promulgating regulations under
21	paragraph (1).
22	(f) Cooperative Agreement.—
23	(1) In General.—The State (including a des-

ignee of the State) may conduct wildlife manage-

1	ment activities in the wilderness areas designated by
2	this title—
3	(A) in accordance with the terms and con-
4	ditions specified in the cooperative agreement
5	between the Secretary and the State, entitled
6	"Memorandum of Understanding between the
7	Bureau of Land Management and the Nevada
8	Department of Wildlife Supplement No. 9," and
9	signed November and December 2003, includ-
10	ing any amendments to the cooperative agree-
11	ment agreed to by the Secretary and the State;
12	and
13	(B) subject to all applicable laws and regu-
14	lations.
15	(2) References.—
16	(A) CLARK COUNTY.—For purposes of this
17	subsection, any references to Clark County in
18	the cooperative agreement described in para-
19	graph $(1)(A)$ shall be considered to be ref-
20	erences to White Pine County, Nevada.
21	(B) Bureau of Land Management.—
22	For purposes of this subsection, any references
23	to the Bureau of Land Management in the co-
24	operative agreement described in paragraph

1	(1)(A) shall also be considered to be references
2	to the Forest Service.
3	SEC. 210. WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT.
4	Consistent with section 4 of the Wilderness Act (16
5	U.S.C. 1133), nothing in this title precludes a Federal,
6	State, or local agency from conducting any wildfire man-
7	agement operations (including operations using aircraft or
8	mechanized equipment) to manage wildfires in the wilder-
9	ness areas designated by this title.
10	SEC. 211. CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA COLLECTION.
11	Subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary
12	may prescribe, nothing in this title precludes the installa-
13	tion and maintenance of hydrologic, meteorologic, or cli-
14	matological collection devices in the wilderness areas des-
15	ignated by this title if the facilities and access to the facili-
16	ties are essential to flood warning, flood control, and water
17	reservoir operation activities.
18	TITLE III—TRANSFERS OF
19	ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION
20	SEC. 301. TRANSFER TO THE UNITED STATES FISH AND
21	WILDLIFE SERVICE.
22	(a) In General.—Administrative jurisdiction over
23	the land described in subsection (b) is transferred from
24	the Bureau of Land Management to the United States

1	Fish and Wildlife Service for inclusion in the Ruby Lake
2	National Wildlife Refuge.
3	(b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The parcel of land re-
4	ferred to in subsection (a) is approximately 645 acres of
5	land administered by the Bureau of Land Management
6	and identified on the map entitled "Ruby Lake Land
7	Transfer" and dated July 10, 2006, as "Lands to be
8	transferred to the Fish and Wildlife Service".
9	SEC. 302. TRANSFER TO THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGE
10	MENT.
11	(a) In General.—Subject to subsection (c), admin-
12	istrative jurisdiction over the parcels of land described in
13	subsection (b) is transferred from the Forest Service to
14	the Bureau of Land Management.
15	(b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The parcels of land re-
16	ferred to in subsection (a) are—
17	(1) the land administered by the Forest Service
18	and identified on the map entitled "Southern White
19	Pine County" and dated August 1, 2006, as "With-
20	drawal Area'';
21	(2) the land administered by the Forest Service
22	and identified on the map entitled "Southern White
23	Pine County" and dated August 1, 2006, as "High-

land Ridge Wilderness Area''; and

1	(3) all other Federal land administered by the
2	Forest Service that is located adjacent to the High-
3	land Ridge Wilderness Area.
4	(c) Continuation of Cooperative Agree-
5	MENTS.—Any existing Forest Service cooperative agree-
6	ment or permit in effect on the date of enactment of this
7	Act relating to a parcel of land to which administrative
8	jurisdiction is transferred by subsection (a) shall be con-
9	tinued by the Bureau of Land Management unless there
10	is reasonable cause to terminate the agreement or permit,
11	as determined by the Secretary.
12	(d) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
13	all Federal land within the Withdrawal Area is withdrawn
14	from all forms of—
15	(1) entry, appropriation, or disposal under the
16	public land laws;
17	(2) location, entry, and patent under the mining
18	laws; and
19	(3) operation of the mineral laws, geothermal
20	leasing laws, and mineral materials laws.
21	(e) Motorized and Mechanical Vehicles.—Use
22	of motorized and mechanical vehicles in the withdrawal
23	area designated by this title shall be permitted only on
24	roads and trails designated for their use, unless the use
25	of those vehicles is needed—

1	(1) for administrative purposes; or
2	(2) to respond to an emergency.
3	SEC. 303. AVAILABILITY OF MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIP-
4	TIONS.
5	The maps of the land transferred by this title shall
6	be on file and available for public inspection in—
7	(1) the Office of the Director of the Bureau of
8	Land Management;
9	(2) the Office of the Nevada State Director of
10	the Bureau of Land Management;
11	(3) the Ely Field Station of the Bureau of
12	Land Management;
13	(4) the Office of the Director of the United
14	States Fish and Wildlife Service;
15	(5) the Office of the Ruby Lake National Wild-
16	life Refuge;
17	(6) the Office of the Director of the National
18	Park Service;
19	(7) the Great Basin National Park Office;
20	(8) the Office of the Chief of the Forest Serv-
21	ice;
22	(9) the Office of the Regional Forester, Region
23	4;
24	(10) the Office of the Forest Supervisor of the
25	Humboldt-Toivabe National Forest: and

1	(11) the Ely Ranger District Office of the For-
2	est Service.
3	TITLE IV—PUBLIC
4	CONVEYANCES
5	SEC. 401. CONVEYANCE TO THE STATE OF NEVADA.
6	(a) Conveyance.—Notwithstanding section 202 of
7	the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976
8	(43 U.S.C. 1712), the Secretary shall convey to the State,
9	subject to valid existing rights, for no consideration, all
10	right, title, and interest of the United States in and to
11	the parcels of land described in subsection (b) if the State
12	and the County enter into a written agreement supporting
13	the conveyance.
14	(b) Description of Land.—The parcels of land re-
15	ferred to in subsection (a) are—
16	(1) the approximately 6,281 acres of Bureau of
17	Land Management land identified as "Steptoe Val-
18	ley Wildlife Management Area Expansion Proposal"
19	on the map entitled "Ely, Nevada Area" and dated
20	August 1, 2006;
21	(2) the approximately 658 acres of Bureau of
22	Land Management land identified as "Ward Char-
23	coal Ovens Expansion" on the map entitled "Ely,
24	Nevada Area" and dated August 1, 2006; and

1	(3) the approximately [] acres of
2	Forest Service and approximately [] acres
3	of Bureau of Land Management land for expansion
4	of Cave Lake State Park.
5	(c) Costs.—Any costs relating to a conveyance under
6	subsection (a), including costs for surveys and other ad-
7	ministrative costs, shall be paid by the State.
8	(d) USE OF LAND.—
9	(1) In general.—Any parcel of land conveyed
10	to the State under subsection (a) shall be used only
11	for—
12	(A) the conservation of wildlife or natural
13	resources; or
14	(B) a public park.
15	(2) Facilities.—Any facility on a parcel of
16	land conveyed under subsection (a) shall be con-
17	structed and managed in a manner consistent with
18	the uses described in paragraph (1).
19	(e) REVERSION.—If a parcel of land conveyed under
20	subsection (a) is used in a manner that is inconsistent
21	with the uses described in subsection (d), the parcel of
22	land shall, at the discretion of the Secretary, revert to the
23	United States.

1	SEC. 402. CONVEYANCE TO WHITE PINE COUNTY, NEVADA.
2	(a) In General.—Notwithstanding section 202 of
3	the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976
4	(43 U.S.C. 1712), the Secretary shall convey to the Coun-
5	ty, without consideration, all right, title, and interest of
6	the United States in and to the parcels of land described
7	in subsection (b).
8	(b) Description of Land.—The parcels of land re-
9	ferred to in subsection (a) are—
10	(1) not more than 1,500 acres of land to be
11	used for the expansion of the White Pine County
12	Airport; and
13	(2) not more than 200 acres of land to be used
14	for the expansion of the White Pine County Indus-
15	trial Park.
16	(c) Use of Certain Land for Nonresidential
17	DEVELOPMENT.—
18	(1) In General.—After conveyance to the
19	County of the land described in subsection (b), the
20	County may sell, lease, or otherwise convey any por-
21	tion of the land conveyed for purposes of nonresiden-
22	tial development.
23	(2) METHOD OF SALE.—The sale, lease, or con-
24	veyance of land under paragraph (1) shall be—
25	(A) through a competitive bidding process;
26	and

1	(B) for not less than fair market value.
2	(3) Disposition of Proceeds.—The gross
3	proceeds from the sale, lease, or conveyance of land
4	under paragraph (1) shall be distributed in accord-
5	ance with section 102.
6	(d) REVERSION.—If a parcel of land conveyed under
7	subsection (a) is used in a manner that is inconsistent
8	with the use described for the parcel in paragraph (1) or
9	(2) of subsection (b), the parcel of land shall, at the discre-
10	tion of the Secretary, revert to the United States.
11	TITLE V—SILVER STATE OFF-
12	HIGHWAY VEHICLE TRAIL
13	SEC. 501. SILVER STATE OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE TRAIL.
14	(a) Study.—
15	(1) In general.—Not later than 3 years after
16	the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
17	shall complete a study of routes for the Silver State
18	Off-Highway Vehicle Trail (referred to in this sec-
19	tion as the "Trail".
20	(2) Preferred route.—Based on the study
21	conducted under paragraph (1), the Secretary, in
22	consultation with the State, the County, and any in-
23	terested persons, shall identify the preferred route
24	for the Trail.
25	(b) Designation of Trail.—

1	(1) In General.—Subject to paragraph (2),
2	not later than 90 days after the date on which the
3	study is completed under subsection (a), the Sec-
4	retary shall designate the Trail.
5	(2) Limitations.—The Secretary shall des-
6	ignate the Trail only if the Secretary—
7	(A) determines that the route of the Trail
8	would not have significant negative impacts on
9	wildlife, natural, or cultural resources; and
10	(B) ensures that the Trail designation—
11	(i) is an effort to extend the Silver
12	State Off-Highway Vehicle Trail des-
13	ignated under section 401(b) of the Lin-
14	coln County Conservation, Recreation, and
15	Development Act of 2004 (16 U.S.C. 1244
16	note; Public Law 108–424); and
17	(ii) is limited to—
18	(I) 1 route that generally runs in
19	a north-south direction; and
20	(II) 1 potential spur running
21	west.
22	(c) Management.—
23	(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall manage
24	the Trail in a manner that—

1	(A) is consistent with any motorized and
2	mechanized uses of the Trail that are author-
3	ized on the date of enactment of this Act under
4	applicable Federal and State laws (including
5	regulations);
6	(B) ensures the safety of the individuals
7	who use the Trail; and
8	(C) does not damage sensitive wildlife
9	habitat, natural, or cultural resources.
10	(2) Management plan.—
11	(A) In general.—Not later than 2 years
12	after the date of designation of the Trail, the
13	Secretary, in consultation with the State, the
14	County, and any other interested persons, shall
15	complete a management plan for the Trail.
16	(B) Components.—The management plan
17	shall—
18	(i) describe the appropriate uses and
19	management of the Trail;
20	(ii) authorize the use of motorized and
21	mechanized vehicles on the Trail; and
22	(iii) describe actions carried out to pe-
23	riodically evaluate and manage the appro-
24	priate levels of use and location of the
25	Trail to minimize environmental impacts

1	and prevent damage to cultural resources
2	from the use of the Trail.
3	(3) Monitoring and evaluation.—
4	(A) ANNUAL ASSESSMENT.—The Secretary
5	shall annually assess—
6	(i) the effects of the use of off-high-
7	way vehicles on the Trail to minimize envi-
8	ronmental impacts and prevent damage to
9	cultural resources from the use of the
10	Trail; and
11	(ii) in consultation with the Nevada
12	Department of Wildlife, the effects of the
13	Trail on wildlife and wildlife habitat to
14	minimize environmental impacts from the
15	use of the Trail.
16	(B) Closure.—The Secretary, in con-
17	sultation with the State and the County and
18	subject to subparagraph (C), may temporarily
19	close or permanently reroute a portion of the
20	Trail if the Secretary determines that—
21	(i) the Trail is having an adverse im-
22	pact on—
23	(I) wildlife habitats;
24	(II) natural resources; or
25	(III) cultural resources;

1	(ii) the Trail threatens public safety;
2	(iii) closure of the Trail is necessary
3	to repair damage to the Trail; or
4	(iv) closure of the Trail is necessary
5	to repair resource damage.
6	(C) REROUTING.—Any portion of the Trail
7	that is temporarily closed may be permanently
8	rerouted along existing roads and trails on pub-
9	lic land open to motorized use if the Secretary
10	determines that rerouting the portion of the
11	Trail would not significantly increase or de-
12	crease the length of the Trail.
13	(D) Notice.—The Secretary shall provide
14	information to the public with respect to any
15	routes on the Trail that are closed under sub-
16	paragraph (B), including through the provision
17	of appropriate signage along the Trail.
18	(4) Notice of open routes.—The Secretary
19	shall ensure that visitors to the Trail have access to
20	adequate notice relating to the routes on the Trail
21	that are open through—
22	(A) the provision of appropriate signage
23	along the Trail; and
24	(B) the distribution of maps, safety edu-
25	cation materials, and any other information

1	that the Secretary determines to be appro-
2	priate.
3	(d) No Effect on Non-Federal Land and In-
4	TERESTS IN LAND.—Nothing in this section affects the
5	ownership or management of, or other rights relating to,
6	non-Federal land or interests in non-Federal land.
7	TITLE VI—TRANSFER OF LAND
8	TO BE HELD IN TRUST FOR
9	THE ELY SHOSHONE TRIBE.
10	SEC. 601. TRANSFER OF LAND TO BE HELD IN TRUST FOR
11	THE ELY SHOSHONE TRIBE.
12	(a) In General.—Subject to valid existing rights,
13	all right, title, and interest of the United States in and
14	to the land described in subsection (b), including any im-
15	provements on, and appurtenances to, the land—
16	(1) shall be held in trust by the United States
17	for the benefit of the Ely Shoshone Tribe (referred
18	to in this section as the "Tribe"); and
19	(2) shall be part of the reservation of the Tribe.
20	(b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The land referred to in
21	subsection (a) consists of the 4 parcels of a total of ap-
22	proximately 3,536 acres of land that are identified on the
23	Ely, Nevada Area map dated August 1, 2006, and the
24	Northern White Pine County map dated August 1, 2006,
25	as the "Ely Shoshone Tribe Reservation".

1	(c) Survey.—Not later than 180 days after the date
2	of enactment of this Act, the Bureau of Land Manage-
3	ment shall complete a survey of the boundary lines to es-
4	tablish the boundaries of the trust land.
5	(d) Conditions.—
6	(1) Gaming.—Land taken into trust under sub-
7	section (a) shall not be—
8	(A) considered to have been taken into
9	trust for gaming (as that term is used in the
10	Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C.
11	2701 et seq.)); and
12	(B) used for gaming.
13	(2) Trust land for ceremonial use.—With
14	respect to the use of the land identified on the map
15	as "Ely Shoshone Tribe Reservation Parcel #3", the
16	Tribe—
17	(A) shall limit the use of the surface of the
18	land to traditional and customary uses and
19	stewardship conservation for the benefit of the
20	Tribe; and
21	(B) shall not permit any permanent resi-
22	dential or recreational development on, or com-
23	mercial use of, the surface of the land, includ-
24	ing commercial development or gaming.

1	(3) Thinning; Landscape restoration.—
2	With respect to land taken into trust under sub-
3	section (a), the Forest Service and the Bureau of
4	Land Management may, in consultation and coordi-
5	nation with the Tribe, carry out any thinning and
6	other landscape restoration work on the trust land
7	that is beneficial to the Tribe and the Forest Service
8	or the Bureau of Land Management.
9	TITLE VII—EASTERN NEVADA
10	LANDSCAPE RESTORATION
11	PROJECT.
12	SEC. 701. FINDINGS; PURPOSES.
13	(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—
14	(1) there is an increasing threat of wildfire in
15	the Great Basin;
16	(2) those wildfires—
17	(A) endanger homes and communities;
18	(B) damage or destroy watersheds and
19	soils; and
20	(C) pose a serious threat to the habitat of
21	threatened and endangered species;
22	(3) forest land and rangeland in the Great
23	Basin are degraded as a direct consequence of land
24	management practices (including practices to control
25	and prevent wildfires) that disrupt the occurrence of

1	frequent low-intensity fires that have periodically re-
2	moved flammable undergrowth; and
3	(4) rigorous, understandable, and applied sci-
4	entific information is needed in the Great Basin
5	for—
6	(A) the design, implementation, and adap-
7	tation of landscape-scale restoration treatments
8	and
9	(B) the improvement of wildfire manage-
10	ment technology and practices.
11	(b) Purposes.—The purposes of this title are to—
12	(1) support the Great Basin Restoration Initia-
13	tive through the implementation of the Eastern Ne-
14	vada Landscape Restoration Project; and
15	(2) ensure resilient and healthy ecosystems in
16	the Great Basin by restoring native plant commu-
17	nities and natural mosaics on the landscape that
18	function within the parameters of natural fire re-
19	gimes.
20	SEC. 702. DEFINITIONS.
21	In this title:
22	(1) Initiative.—The term "Initiative" means
23	the Great Rasin Restoration Initiative

1	(2) Project.—The term "Project" means the
2	Eastern Nevada Landscape Restoration Project au-
3	thorized under section 703(a).
4	(3) Secretaries.—The term "Secretaries"
5	means the Secretary of Agriculture and the Sec-
6	retary of the Interior.
7	(4) STATE.—The term "State" means the State
8	of Nevada.
9	SEC. 703. RESTORATION PROJECT.
10	(a) In General.—In accordance with all applicable
11	Federal laws, the Secretaries shall carry out the Eastern
12	Nevada Landscape Restoration Project to—
13	(1) implement the Initiative; and
14	(2) restore native rangelands and native wood-
15	land (including riparian and aspen communities) in
16	White Pine and Lincoln Counties in the State.
17	(b) Grants; Cooperative Agreement.—In car-
18	rying out the Project—
19	(1) the Secretaries may make grants to the
20	Eastern Nevada Landscape Coalition and the Great
21	Basin Institute for the study and restoration of
22	rangeland and other land in the Great Basin—
23	(A) to assist in—
24	(i) reducing hazardous fuels; and

1	(ii) restoring native rangeland and
2	woodland; and
3	(B) for other related purposes; and
4	(2) notwithstanding sections 6301 through
5	6308, of title 31, United States Code, the Director
6	of the Bureau of Land Management may enter into
7	a cooperative agreement with the Eastern Nevada
8	Landscape Coalition and the Great Basin Institute
9	to provide for the conduct of scientific analyses, haz-
10	ardous fuels and mechanical treatments, and related
11	work.
12	(c) Research Facility.—The Secretaries may con-
13	duct a feasibility study on the potential establishment of
14	an interagency science center, including a research facility
15	and experimental rangeland in the eastern portion of the
16	State.
17	(d) Funding.—Section 4(e)(3)(A) of the Southern
18	Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998 (Public
19	Law 105–263; 112 Stat. 2346; 116 Stat. 2007; 118 Stat.
20	2414) is amended—
21	(1) by redesignating clause (viii) as clause (ix);
22	and
23	(2) by inserting after clause (vii) the following:
24	"(viii) to carry out the Eastern Ne-
25	vada Landscape Restoration Project in

1	White Pine County, Nevada and Lincoln
2	County, Nevada; and".
3	TITLE VIII—AMENDMENTS TO
4	THE SOUTHERN NEVADA PUB-
5	LIC LAND MANAGEMENT ACT
6	OF 1998
7	SEC. 801. FINDINGS.
8	Section 2(a)(3) of the Southern Nevada Public Land
9	Management Act of 1998 (Public Law 105–263; 112 Stat.
10	2343) is amended by inserting "the Sloan Canyon Na-
11	tional Conservation Area," before "and the Spring Moun-
12	tains".
13	SEC. 802. DEFINITIONS.
14	Section 3(6) of the Southern Nevada Public Land
15	Management Act of 1998 (Public Law 105–263; 112 Stat.
16	2344) is amended by inserting "the Clean Water Coali-
17	tion," before "and the Clark County Sanitation District".
18	SEC. 803. AVAILABILITY OF SPECIAL ACCOUNT.
19	Section 4(e) of the Southern Nevada Public Land
20	Management Act of 1998 (Public Law 105–263; 112 Stat.
21	2346; 116 Stat. 2007; 117 Stat. 1317; 118 Stat. 2414)
22	is amended—
23	(1) in paragraph (3)—
24	(A) in subparagraph (A)—

1	(i) by striking "may be expended"
2	and inserting "shall be expended";
3	(ii) in clause (iii), by inserting "and
4	implementation" before "of a multispecies
5	habitat'';
6	(iii) in clause (iv), by inserting
7	"Washoe County (subject to paragraph
8	(4)) and" before "Lincoln County";
9	(iv) in clause (vii)—
10	(I) by striking "for development"
11	and inserting "development"; and
12	(II) by striking "and" at the end;
13	(v) by redesignating clauses (viii) and
14	(ix) (as amended by section 703(d)) as
15	clauses (xii) and (xiii);
16	(vi) by inserting after clause (vii) the
17	following:
18	"(viii) reimbursement of any costs in-
19	curred by the Bureau of Land Manage-
20	ment or any other Federal agency to clear
21	and protect land that is—
22	"(I) located in the disposal
23	boundary described in subsection (a);
24	and

1	"(II) designated for sale, lease,
2	conveyance, or disposal;
3	"(ix) development and implementation
4	of a comprehensive, cost-effective, multi-
5	jurisdictional hazardous fuels reduction
6	and wildfire prevention plan (including
7	sustainable biomass and biofuels energy
8	development and production activities) for
9	the Lake Tahoe Basin (including the Car-
10	son Range in Douglas and Washoe Coun-
11	ties and Carson City in the State of Ne-
12	vada), and the Spring Mountains, in the
13	State of Nevada, that are—
14	"(I) subject to approval by the
15	Secretary of Agriculture or Secretary
16	of Interior, as appropriate; and
17	"(II) not more than 10 years in
18	duration;
19	"(x) payments to a regional govern-
20	mental entity in Clark County, Nevada, for
21	an established program to compensate pub-
22	lic institutions for the permanent removal
23	of turf and other vegetation to expand
24	water conservation;

1	"(xi) payments to a regional govern-
2	mental entity in Clark County, Nevada, for
3	water quality improvements relating to the
4	Las Vegas Wash, Las Vegas Bay, and
5	Lake Mead through management of waste-
6	water effluent in the Las Vegas Valley
7	known as the 'Systems Conveyance and
8	Operations Program'; and";
9	(vii) in clause (xii) (as redesignated by
10	clause (v)), striking "and" at the end;
11	(viii) in clause (xiii) (as redesignated
12	by clause (v))—
13	(I) by inserting "or other Federal
14	agencies" before "in arranging"; and
15	(II) by striking the period at the
16	end and inserting "; and; and
17	(ix) by adding at the end the fol-
18	lowing:
19	"(xiv) development of any park ad-
20	ministered by the State of Nevada in Clark
21	County."; and
22	(B) by inserting after subparagraph (C)
23	the following:
24	"(D) Transfer requirement.—Notwith-
25	standing any other provision of law—

1	"(i) for amounts that have been au-
2	thorized for expenditure under subpara-
3	graph (A)(iv) but not transferred as of the
4	date of enactment of this subparagraph
5	the Secretary shall, not later than 60 days
6	after a request for funds from the applica-
7	ble unit of local government or regional
8	governmental entity, transfer to the appli-
9	cable unit of local government or regional
10	governmental entity the amount authorized
11	for the expenditure; and
12	"(ii) for expenditures authorized
13	under subparagraph (A)(iv) that are ap-
14	proved by the Secretary, the Secretary
15	shall, not later than 60 days after a re-
16	quest for funds from the applicable unit of
17	local government or regional governmental
18	entity, transfer to the applicable unit of
19	local government or regional governmental
20	entity the amount approved for expendi-
21	ture."; and
22	(2) by adding at the end the following:
23	"(4) Limitation for Washoe County.—Until
24	December 31, 2011, Washoe County shall be eligible

to nominate for expenditure amounts to acquire land

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1	(not to exceed 250 acres) and develop 1 regional
2	park and natural area.".
3	SEC. 804. AFFORDABLE HOUSING.
4	Section 7 of the Southern Nevada Public Land Man-
5	agement Act of 1998 (Public Law 105–263; 112 Stat.
6	2349) is amended by striking subsection (b) and inserting
7	the following:
8	"(b) Affordable Housing.—
9	"(1) Definition of Affordable Housing.—
10	In this subsection, the term 'affordable housing'
11	means housing that serves individuals or families
12	with an income of not more than 120 percent of the
13	median income, as determined by the Secretary of
14	Housing and Urban Development.
15	"(2) Housing.—
16	"(A) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with
17	section 203 of the Federal Land Policy and
18	Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1713), the
19	Secretary shall make available for affordable
20	housing purposes land in the State of Nevada—
21	"(i) for less than fair market value;
22	and
23	"(ii) under any terms and conditions
24	that the Secretary determines to be appro-
25	priate.

1	"(B) Guidelines.—Not later than 1 year
2	after the date of enactment of this subsection,
3	the Secretary shall publish or issue guidelines
4	to carry out this paragraph.
5	"(3) Reservation for affordable hous-
6	ING.—
7	"(A) IN GENERAL.—If any sale of land
8	under section 4(a) involves more than 200
9	acres, at least 5 percent of the total housing
10	units on the land conveyed shall be developed
11	for affordable housing.
12	"(B) CITY AND COUNTY REQUIRE-
13	MENTS.—
14	"(i) In general.—Not later than
15	120 days before the date of a sale of land
16	described in subparagraph (A), the appli-
17	cable unit of local government shall publish
18	rules for the implementation of the afford-
19	able housing to be developed on the land.
20	"(ii) Dispersal of Housing.—The
21	applicable unit of local government shall,
22	to the maximum extent practicable, en-
23	courage mixed income development when
24	publishing rules under clause (i) through-
25	out each housing project.

1	"(4) Enforcement.—
2	"(A) In General.—Subject to subpara-
3	graph (B), from the date on which a transfer
4	of land is complete under section 4(a), the Sec-
5	retary of Housing and Urban Development
6	shall enforce each requirement of this section.
7	"(B) ALTERNATIVE ENFORCEMENT AR-
8	RANGEMENT.—The Secretary of Housing and
9	Urban Development and the applicable unit of
10	local government may agree to an alternative
11	enforcement arrangement.".
12	TITLE IX—GREAT BASIN
13	HERITAGE ROUTE
14	SEC. 901. SHORT TITLE.
15	This title may be cited as the "Great Basin National
16	Heritage Route Act".
17	SEC. 902. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.
18	(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—
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19	(1) the natural, cultural, and historic heritage
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20 21	(1) the natural, cultural, and historic heritage of the North American Great Basin is nationally significant;
<ul><li>20</li><li>21</li><li>22</li></ul>	<ul><li>(1) the natural, cultural, and historic heritage of the North American Great Basin is nationally significant;</li><li>(2) communities along the Great Basin Herit-</li></ul>

1	long natural vistas, isolated high desert valleys,
2	mountain ranges, ranches, mines, historic railroads,
3	archaeological sites, and tribal communities;
4	(3) the Native American, pioneer, ranching,
5	mining, timber, and railroad heritages associated
6	with the Great Basin Heritage Route include the so-
7	cial history and living cultural traditions of a rich di-
8	versity of nationalities;
9	(4) the pioneer, Mormon, and other religious
10	settlements, and ranching, timber, and mining ac-
11	tivities of the region played and continue to play a
12	significant role in the development of the United
13	States, shaped by—
14	(A) the unique geography of the Great
15	Basin;
16	(B) an influx of people of Greek, Chinese,
17	Basque, Serb, Croat, Italian, and Hispanic de-
18	scent; and
19	(C) a Native American presence (Western
20	Shoshone, Northern and Southern Paiute, and
21	Goshute) that continues in the Great Basin
22	today;
23	(5) the Great Basin housed internment camps
24	for Japanese-American citizens during World War

1	II, 1 of which, Topaz, was located along the Herit-
2	age Route;
3	(6) the pioneer heritage of the Heritage Route
4	includes the Pony Express route and stations, the
5	Overland Stage, and many examples of 19th century
6	exploration of the western United States;
7	(7) the Native American heritage of the Herit-
8	age Route dates back thousands of years and in-
9	cludes—
10	(A) archaeological sites;
11	(B) petroglyphs and pictographs;
12	(C) the westernmost village of the Fremont
13	culture; and
14	(D) communities of Western Shoshone,
15	Paiute, and Goshute tribes;
16	(8) the Heritage Route contains multiple bio-
17	logically diverse ecological communities that are
18	home to exceptional species such as—
19	(A) bristlecone pines, the oldest living trees
20	in the world;
21	(B) wildlife adapted to harsh desert condi-
22	tions;
23	(C) unique plant communities, lakes, and
24	streams; and
25	(D) native Bonneville cutthroat trout;

- 1 (9) the air and water quality of the Heritage 2 Route is among the best in the United States, and 3 the clear air permits outstanding viewing of the 4 night skies;
  - (10) the Heritage Route includes unique and outstanding geologic features such as numerous limestone caves, classic basin and range topography with playa lakes, alluvial fans, volcanics, cold and hot springs, and recognizable features of ancient Lake Bonneville;
  - (11) the Heritage Route includes an unusual variety of open space and recreational and educational opportunities because of the great quantity of ranching activity and public land (including city, county, and State parks, national forests, Bureau of Land Management land, and a national park);
  - (12) there are significant archaeological, historical, cultural, natural, scenic, and recreational resources in the Great Basin to merit the involvement of the Federal Government in the development, in cooperation with the Great Basin Heritage Route Partnership and other local and governmental entities, of programs and projects to—

1	(A) adequately conserve, protect, and in-
2	terpret the heritage of the Great Basin for
3	present and future generations; and
4	(B) provide opportunities in the Great
5	Basin for education; and
6	(13) the Great Basin Heritage Route Partner-
7	ship shall serve as the local coordinating entity for
8	a Heritage Route established in the Great Basin.
9	(b) Purposes.—The purposes of this title are—
10	(1) to foster a close working relationship with
11	all levels of government, the private sector, and the
12	local communities within White Pine County, Ne-
13	vada, Millard County, Utah, and the Duckwater
14	Shoshone Reservation;
15	(2) to enable communities referred to in para-
16	graph (1) to conserve their heritage while continuing
17	to develop economic opportunities; and
18	(3) to conserve, interpret, and develop the ar-
19	chaeological, historical, cultural, natural, scenic, and
20	recreational resources related to the unique ranch-
21	ing, industrial, and cultural heritage of the Great
22	Basin, in a manner that promotes multiple uses per-
23	mitted as of the date of enactment of this Act, with-
24	out managing or regulating land use.

## 1 SEC. 903. DEFINITIONS.

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2	In this title:
3	(1) Great Basin.—The term "Great Basin"
4	means the North American Great Basin.
5	(2) Heritage Route.—The term "Heritage
6	Route" means the Great Basin National Heritage
7	Route established by section 904(a).
8	(3) Local coordinating entity.—The term
9	"local coordinating entity" means the Great Basin
10	Heritage Route Partnership established by section
11	904(c).
12	(4) Management plan.—The term "manage-
13	ment plan" means the plan developed by the local
14	coordinating entity under section 906(a).
15	(5) Secretary.—The term "Secretary" means
16	the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-
17	rector of the National Park Service.
18	SEC. 904. GREAT BASIN NATIONAL HERITAGE ROUTE.
19	(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established the
20	Great Basin National Heritage Route to provide the public
21	with access to certain historical, cultural, natural, scenic
22	and recreational resources in White Pine County, Nevada
23	Millard County, Utah, and the Duckwater Shoshone Res-

24 ervation in the State of Nevada, as designated by the local

25 coordinating entity.

1	(b) Boundaries.—The local coordinating entity
2	shall determine the specific boundaries of the Heritage
3	Route.
4	(c) Local Coordinating Entity.—
5	(1) In General.—The Great Basin Heritage
6	Route Partnership shall serve as the local coordi-
7	nating entity for the Heritage Route.
8	(2) Board of directors.—The Great Basin
9	Heritage Route Partnership shall be governed by a
10	board of directors that consists of—
11	(A) 4 members who are appointed by the
12	Board of County Commissioners for Millard
13	County, Utah;
14	(B) 4 members who are appointed by the
15	Board of County Commissioners for White Pine
16	County, Nevada; and
17	(C) a representative appointed by each Na-
18	tive American Tribe participating in the Herit-
19	age Route.
20	SEC. 905. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.
21	(a) In General.—In carrying out this title, the Sec-
22	retary, in consultation with the Governors of the States
23	of Nevada and Utah and the tribal government of each
24	Indian tribe participating in the Heritage Route, shall

1	enter into a memorandum of understanding with the local
2	coordinating entity.
3	(b) Inclusions.—The memorandum of under-
4	standing shall include information relating to the objec-
5	tives and management of the Heritage Route, including—
6	(1) a description of the resources of the Herit-
7	age Route;
8	(2) a discussion of the goals and objectives of
9	the Heritage Route, including—
10	(A) an explanation of the proposed ap-
11	proach to conservation, development, and inter-
12	pretation; and
13	(B) a general outline of the anticipated
14	protection and development measures;
15	(3) a description of the local coordinating enti-
16	ty;
17	(4) a list and statement of the financial com-
18	mitment of the initial partners to be involved in de-
19	veloping and implementing the management plan;
20	and
21	(5) a description of the role of the States of Ne-
22	vada and Utah in the management of the Heritage
23	Route.

(c) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—In developing the 1 terms of the memorandum of understanding, the Sec-3 retary and the local coordinating entity shall— 4 (1) provide opportunities for local participation; 5 and 6 (2) include terms that ensure, to the maximum 7 extent practicable, timely implementation of all as-8 pects of the memorandum of understanding. 9 (d) AMENDMENTS.— 10 (1) In General.—The Secretary shall review 11 any amendments of the memorandum of under-12 standing proposed by the local coordinating entity or 13 the Governor of the State of Nevada or Utah. 14 (2) Use of funds.—Funds made available 15 under this title shall not be expended to implement 16 a change made by a proposed amendment described 17 in paragraph (1) until the Secretary approves the 18 amendment. 19 SEC. 906. MANAGEMENT PLAN. 20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after the 21 date on which funds are made available to carry out this 22 title, the local coordinating entity shall develop and submit 23 to the Secretary for approval a management plan for the 24 Heritage Route that— 25 (1) specifies—

1	(A) any resources designated by the local
2	coordinating entity under section 904(a); and
3	(B) the specific boundaries of the Heritage
4	Route, as determined under section 904(b); and
5	(2) presents clear and comprehensive rec-
6	ommendations for the conservation, funding, man-
7	agement, and development of the Heritage Route.
8	(b) Considerations.—In developing the manage-
9	ment plan, the local coordinating entity shall—
10	(1) provide for the participation of local resi-
11	dents, public agencies, and private organizations lo-
12	cated within the counties of Millard County, Utah,
13	White Pine County, Nevada, and the Duckwater
14	Shoshone Reservation in the protection and develop-
15	ment of resources of the Heritage Route, taking into
16	consideration State, tribal, county, and local land
17	use plans in existence on the date of enactment of
18	this Act;
19	(2) identify sources of funding;
20	(3) include—
21	(A) a program for implementation of the
22	management plan by the local coordinating en-
23	tity, including—

1	(i) plans for restoration, stabilization,
2	rehabilitation, and construction of public
3	or tribal property; and
4	(ii) specific commitments by the iden-
5	tified partners referred to in section
6	905(b)(4) for the first 5 years of oper-
7	ation; and
8	(B) an interpretation plan for the Heritage
9	Route; and
10	(4) develop a management plan that will not in-
11	fringe on private property rights without the consent
12	of the owner of the private property.
13	(c) Failure to Submit.—If the local coordinating
14	entity fails to submit a management plan to the Secretary
15	in accordance with subsection (a), the Heritage Route
16	shall no longer qualify for Federal funding.
17	(d) Approval and Disapproval of Management
18	Plan.—
19	(1) In general.—Not later than 90 days after
20	receipt of a management plan under subsection (a),
21	the Secretary, in consultation with the Governors of
22	the States of Nevada and Utah, shall approve or dis-
23	approve the management plan.

1	(2) Criteria.—In determining whether to ap-
2	prove a management plan, the Secretary shall con-
3	sider whether the management plan—
4	(A) has strong local support from a diver-
5	sity of landowners, business interests, nonprofit
6	organizations, and governments associated with
7	the Heritage Route;
8	(B) is consistent with and complements
9	continued economic activity along the Heritage
10	Route;
11	(C) has a high potential for effective part-
12	nership mechanisms;
13	(D) avoids infringing on private property
14	rights; and
15	(E) provides methods to take appropriate
16	action to ensure that private property rights are
17	observed.
18	(3) ACTION FOLLOWING DISAPPROVAL.—If the
19	Secretary disapproves a management plan under
20	paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—
21	(A) advise the local coordinating entity in
22	writing of the reasons for the disapproval;
23	(B) make recommendations for revisions to
24	the management plan; and

1	(C) not later than 90 days after the receipt
2	of any proposed revision of the management
3	plan from the local coordinating entity, approve
4	or disapprove the proposed revision.
5	(e) Implementation.—On approval of the manage-
6	ment plan as provided in subsection (d)(1), the local co-
7	ordinating entity, in conjunction with the Secretary, shall
8	take appropriate steps to implement the management
9	plan.
10	(f) Amendments.—
11	(1) In general.—The Secretary shall review
12	each amendment to the management plan that the
13	Secretary determines may make a substantial
14	change to the management plan.
15	(2) Use of funds.—Funds made available
16	under this title shall not be expended to implement
17	an amendment described in paragraph (1) until the
18	Secretary approves the amendment.
19	SEC. 907. AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF LOCAL COORDI-
20	NATING ENTITY.
21	(a) Authorities.—The local coordinating entity
22	may, for purposes of preparing and implementing the
23	management plan, use funds made available under this
24	title to—

1	(1) make grants to, and enter into cooperative
2	agreements with, a State (including a political sub-
3	division), an Indian tribe, a private organization, or
4	any person; and
5	(2) hire and compensate staff.
6	(b) Duties.—In addition to developing the manage-
7	ment plan, the local coordinating entity shall—
8	(1) give priority to implementing the memo-
9	randum of understanding and the management plan,
10	including taking steps to—
11	(A) assist units of government, regional
12	planning organizations, and nonprofit organiza-
13	tions in—
14	(i) establishing and maintaining inter-
15	pretive exhibits along the Heritage Route;
16	(ii) developing recreational resources
17	along the Heritage Route;
18	(iii) increasing public awareness of
19	and appreciation for the archaeological,
20	historical, cultural, natural, scenic, and
21	recreational resources and sites along the
22	Heritage Route; and
23	(iv) if requested by the owner, restor-
24	ing, stabilizing, or rehabilitating any pri-

1	vate, public, or tribal historical building re-
2	lating to the themes of the Heritage Route;
3	(B) encourage economic viability and diver-
4	sity along the Heritage Route in accordance
5	with the objectives of the management plans
6	and
7	(C) encourage the installation of clear,
8	consistent, and environmentally appropriate
9	signage identifying access points and sites of in-
10	terest along the Heritage Route;
11	(2) consider the interests of diverse govern-
12	mental, business, and nonprofit groups associated
13	with the Heritage Route;
14	(3) conduct public meetings in the region of the
15	Heritage Route at least semiannually regarding the
16	implementation of the management plan;
17	(4) submit substantial amendments (including
18	any increase of more than 20 percent in the cost es-
19	timates for implementation) to the management plan
20	to the Secretary for approval by the Secretary; and
21	(5) for any year for which Federal funds are re-
22	ceived under this title—
23	(A) submit to the Secretary a report that
24	describes, for the year—

1	(i) the accomplishments of the local
2	coordinating entity;
3	(ii) the expenses and income of the
4	local coordinating entity; and
5	(iii) each entity to which any loan or
6	grant was made;
7	(B) make available for audit all records
8	pertaining to the expenditure of the funds and
9	any matching funds; and
10	(C) require, for all agreements authorizing
11	the expenditure of Federal funds by any entity,
12	that the receiving entity make available for
13	audit all records pertaining to the expenditure
14	of the funds.
15	(e) Prohibition on the Acquisition of Real
16	PROPERTY.—The local coordinating entity shall not use
17	Federal funds made available under this title to acquire
18	real property or any interest in real property.
19	(d) Prohibition on the Regulation of Land
20	Use.—The local coordinating entity shall not regulate
21	land use within the Heritage Route.
22	SEC. 908. DUTIES AND AUTHORITIES OF FEDERAL AGEN-
23	CIES.
24	(a) TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—

1	(1) In general.—The Secretary may, on re-
2	quest of the local coordinating entity, provide tech-
3	nical and financial assistance to develop and imple-
4	ment the management plan and memorandum of un-
5	derstanding.
6	(2) Priority for assistance.—In providing
7	assistance under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall,
8	on request of the local coordinating entity, give pri-
9	ority to actions that assist in—
10	(A) conserving the significant archae-
11	ological, historical, cultural, natural, scenic, and
12	recreational resources of the Heritage Route;
13	and
14	(B) providing education, interpretive, and
15	recreational opportunities, and other uses con-
16	sistent with those resources.
17	(b) APPLICATION OF FEDERAL LAW.—The establish-
18	ment of the Heritage Route shall have no effect on the
19	application of any Federal law to any property within the
20	Heritage Route.
21	SEC. 909. LAND USE REGULATION; APPLICABILITY OF FED-
22	ERAL LAW.
23	(a) LAND USE REGULATION.—Nothing in this title—
24	(1) modifies, enlarges, or diminishes any au-
25	thority of the Federal, State, tribal, or local govern-

1	ment to regulate by law (including by regulation)
2	any use of land; or
3	(2) grants any power of zoning or land use to
4	the local coordinating entity.
5	(b) Applicability of Federal Law.—Nothing in
6	this title—
7	(1) imposes on the Heritage Route, as a result
8	of the designation of the Heritage Route, any regu-
9	lation that is not applicable to the area within the
10	Heritage Route as of the date of enactment of this
11	Act; or
12	(2) authorizes any agency to promulgate a reg-
13	ulation that applies to the Heritage Route solely as
14	a result of the designation of the Heritage Route
15	under this title.
16	SEC. 910. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.
17	(a) In General.—There is authorized to be appro-
18	priated to carry out this title \$10,000,000, of which not
19	more than \$1,000,000 may be made available for any fis-
20	cal year.
21	(b) Cost Sharing.—
22	(1) Federal share.—The Federal share of
23	the cost of any activity assisted under this title shall
24	not exceed 50 percent

- 1 (2) FORM OF NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The non-2 Federal share may be in the form of in-kind con-3 tributions, donations, grants, and loans from individ-4 uals and State or local governments or agencies.
- 5 SEC. 911. TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.
- The authority of the Secretary to provide assistance under this title terminates on the date that is 15 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

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