

Public Law 118–227
118th Congress

An Act

Jan. 4, 2025
[H.R. 2997]

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to Mesa County, Colorado, certain Federal land in Colorado, and for other purposes.

Clifton
Opportunities
Now for Vibrant
Economic Yields
Act.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Clifton Opportunities Now for Vibrant Economic Yields Act” or as the “CONVEY Act”.

SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF FEDERAL LAND TO MESA COUNTY, COLORADO.

(a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) **CLIFTON PARCEL.**—The term “Clifton parcel” means the approximately 31.1 acres of Federal land depicted as “31.1 Acres to be Conveyed to Mesa County” on the map titled “Clifton Opportunities Now for Vibrant Economic Yields (CONVEY) Act” and dated April 19, 2023.

(2) **COUNTY.**—The term “County” means Mesa County, Colorado.

(3) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

(b) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding the Secretarial Order dated August 26, 1902, and the Secretarial Order dated July 25, 1908, the Secretary shall convey to the County, as soon as practicable, all rights, title, and interest of the United States in and to the Clifton parcel.

(c) **REQUIREMENTS.**—The conveyance under this section shall be—

(1) subject to valid existing rights; and

(2) for not less than fair market value, as determined in accordance with subsection (d).

(d) **APPRAISAL.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The fair market value of the Clifton parcel shall be determined by an independent appraisal obtained by the Secretary.

(2) **APPRAISAL STANDARDS.**—The appraisal required by paragraph (1) shall be conducted in accordance with the—

(A) Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions; and

(B) Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice.

(e) **COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.**—The County shall pay all costs associated with the conveyance required under subsection (b),

including all costs associated with any survey conducted for the purpose of accomplishing such conveyance.

(f) PROCEEDS FROM CONVEYANCE.—The proceeds from the conveyance required under subsection (b) shall be—

(1) deposited into the Federal Land Disposal Account established by the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act (43 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.); and

(2) available for expenditure under that Act.

(g) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall finalize a map and a legal description of all land to be conveyed under this Act.

(2) CONTROLLING DOCUMENT.—In the case of a discrepancy between the map and the legal description created under paragraph (1), the map shall control.

(3) CORRECTIONS.—The Secretary and the County, by mutual agreement, may correct any minor errors in the map or the legal description created under paragraph (1).

(4) MAP ON FILE.—The map and the legal description created under paragraph (1) shall be kept on file and available for public inspection in each appropriate office of the Bureau of Land Management.

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