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H. R. 698

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources

AN ACT

To require a land conveyance involving the Elkhorn Ranch
and the White River National Forest in the State of
Colorado, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Elkhorn Ranch and
3 White River National Forest Conveyance Act of 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. LAND CONVEYANCE, ELKHORN RANCH AND WHITE**
5 **RIVER NATIONAL FOREST, COLORADO.**

6 (a) LAND CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—Consistent with
7 the purpose of the Act of March 3, 1909 (43 U.S.C. 772),
8 all right, title, and interest of the United States (subject
9 to subsection (b)) in and to a parcel of land consisting
10 of approximately 148 acres as generally depicted on the
11 map entitled “Elkhorn Ranch Land Parcel—White River
12 National Forest” and dated March 2015 shall be conveyed
13 by patent to the Gordman-Leverich Partnership, a Colo-
14 rado Limited Liability Partnership (in this section re-
15 ferred to as “GLP”).

16 (b) EXISTING RIGHTS.—The conveyance under sub-
17 section (a)—

18 (1) is subject to the valid existing rights of the
19 lessee of Federal oil and gas lease COC–75070 and
20 any other valid existing rights; and

21 (2) shall reserve to the United States the right
22 to collect rent and royalty payments on the lease re-
23 ferred to in paragraph (1) for the duration of the
24 lease.

25 (c) EXISTING BOUNDARIES.—The conveyance under
26 subsection (a) does not modify the exterior boundary of

1 the White River National Forest or the boundaries of Sec-
2 tions 18 and 19 of Township 7 South, Range 93 West,
3 Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, as such boundaries
4 are in effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

5 (d) TIME FOR CONVEYANCE; PAYMENT OF COSTS.—

6 The conveyance directed under subsection (a) shall be
7 completed not later than 180 days after the date of the
8 enactment of this Act. The conveyance shall be without
9 consideration, except that all costs incurred by the Sec-
10 retary of the Interior relating to any survey, platting, legal
11 description, or other activities carried out to prepare and
12 issue the patent shall be paid by GLP to the Secretary
13 prior to the land conveyance.

Passed the House of Representatives February 6,
2017.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.