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107 HR 5200	Related bill	Nov 6, 2002: Became Public Law No: 107-282.

Clark County Conservation of Public Land and Natural Resources Act of 2002 - (Sec. 3) States that the appropriate Secretary being referred to in this Act is the Secretary of Agriculture for National Forest System land and the Secretary of the Interior for other land.

Title I: Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Land Exchange And Boundary Adjustment Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Protection and Enhancement Act of 2002 - (Sec. 104) Directs the Secretary of the Interior, if the Howard Hughes Corporation offers to convey to the United States certain high-ground lands (at the eastern edge of the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area), to accept such offer and convey: (1) specified Federal lands to the Corporation; and (2) specified other Federal lands to Clark County, Nevada.

Directs the Secretary to require, as conditions of such conveyance, that: (1) the Corporation be responsible for removal of and remediation related to any hazardous materials that are present on the property conveyed to the United States; (2) the Corporation provide a metes and bounds survey of the common boundary between the parcels of land to be conveyed that is acceptable to the Corporation, Clark County, and the Secretary; and (3) the lands transferred to the County must be used only as a public park or as part of a public regional trail system.

Requires the values of the exchanged lands to be equal.

(Sec. 105) Requires the Secretary to administer certain flood control detention basin lands and lands acquired under this Act as part of the Conservation Area and in accordance with the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Establishment Act of 1990, the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act of 1998, and all other applicable laws.

(Sec. 106) Directs the Secretary to complete a review of the Complete Self-Contained Appraisal Red Rock Exchange, Las Vegas, Nevada. Requires the difference in appraisal values to be reimbursed to the Secretary by the Corporation. Withdraws from operation of the public land and mining laws those Federal lands acquired by the United States under this Act and those Federal lands already owned by the United States but included within the Conservation Area's boundaries pursuant to this Act.

Title II: Wilderness Areas - (Sec. 202) Designates specified Federal lands (the "additions") in Nevada as wilderness and components of the National Wilderness Preservation System (the "System").

(Sec. 203) Directs that the additions to the System shall be administered in accordance with the Wilderness Act, with certain exceptions. Permits the grazing of livestock to continue in those parts of the additions that are administered by the Bureau of Land Management and in which grazing is already established. Declares that nothing in this Act shall constitute any reservation by the United States of any water or water rights within the lands newly designated as wilderness ("wilderness areas").

(Sec. 204) Permits nonwilderness activities to continue even if they can be seen or heard from areas within a wilderness area.

(Sec. 205) Allows low-level overflights of military aircraft over wilderness areas, as well as flight testing and evaluations.

(Sec. 206) States that nothing in this Act shall be construed to diminish the rights of any Indian tribe. Allows tribes access to Federal lands for tribal activities, including spiritual, cultural, and traditional food-gathering activities.

(Sec. 207) Releases, and retains from release, certain Nevada lands as wilderness study areas. Directs the appropriate

Secretary to issue to the State-regulated sponsor of the Centennial Project the right-of-way for the construction and maintenance of two 500-kilovolt electrical transmission lines within certain land in Clark County, Nevada.

(Sec. 208) Permits, in accordance with the Wilderness Act, the State or its designee to use aircraft to survey, capture, transplant, and monitor wildlife populations.

Allows the appropriate Secretary to establish, for reasons of public safety, administration, or compliance with applicable laws, periods during which no hunting, fishing, or trapping shall be allowed in the wilderness areas.

Directs the Secretary to enter into a cooperative agreement with the State of Nevada, which will specify the terms and conditions under which the State or its designee may utilize wildlife management activities in the wilderness areas.

(Sec. 209) States that nothing in this title precludes government from conducting wildfire management operations to manage wildfires in the wilderness areas.

(Sec. 210) Permits climatological data collection in the wilderness areas if such measures are essential to flood warning, flood control, and water reservoir operation activities.

(Sec. 211) States that if any laws, regulations, or management policies applicable to the National Park Service for Lake Mead National Recreation Area conflict with this Act, such laws, regulations, or policies shall control.

Title III: Transfers of Administrative Jurisdiction - (Sec. 301) Transfers administrative jurisdiction over certain land from the Bureau of Land Management to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for inclusion in the Desert National Wildlife Range. Declares that such land shall be managed in accordance with the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, and with existing cooperative conservation agreements.

(Sec. 302) Transfers administrative jurisdiction over specified land from the Bureau of Land Management to the National Park Service for inclusion in the Lake Mead National Recreation Area. Directs that the land be used for administrative facilities.

Title IV: Amendments to the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act - (Sec. 401) Allows up to ten percent of amounts available in the special account under the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act to go to conservation initiatives on Federal land in Clark County, Nevada, administered by the Department of the Interior or the Department of Agriculture.

Withdraws, subject to valid existing rights, certain land designated for disposal under the Act from: (1) all forms of entry, appropriation, and disposal under the public land laws; (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining laws; and (3) operation of the mineral leasing, mineral materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

Title V: Ivanpah Corridor - (Sec. 501) Directs the appropriate Secretary to manage the land located along the Interstate Route 15 corridor south of the Las Vegas Valley to the border between California and Nevada in accordance with the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act and provisions of this Act for multiple use purposes. Terminates the administrative withdrawal of such land.

Directs the Secretary to transfer upon request, subject to valid existing rights and certain conditions, specified land to Clark County, Nevada, known as the Ivanpah Airport noise compatibility area.

Withdraws, subject to valid existing rights, the corridor and the Ivanpah Airport area from location and entry under the mining laws, and from operation under the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws. Provides for the termination of such withdrawals at the discretion of the Secretary or when the corridor or land, respectively, is patented.

(Sec. 502) Withdraws from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws for up to five years any Federal land in Areas of Critical Environmental Concern which is not already withdrawn. Directs the Secretary to make final decisions on such temporary withdrawals within five years of enactment of this Act, which shall be consistent with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and in accordance with the 1998 Las Vegas Resource Management Plan.

Title VI: Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area - Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area Act - (Sec. 604) Establishes in Nevada the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area to conserve, protect, and enhance the cultural, archaeological, natural, wilderness, scientific, geological, historical, biological, wildlife, educational, and science resources of such Area.

Requires the appropriate Secretary, in consultation with various parties, to develop a management plan for the Area.

Withdraws, subject to valid existing rights, the Area from: (1) all forms of entry, appropriation, and disposal under the public land laws; (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining laws; and (3) operation of the mineral leasing, mineral materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

(Sec. 606) Directs the appropriate Secretary to convey to the highest qualified bidder all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to certain Federal land in Nevada.

Title VII: Public Interest Conveyances - (Sec. 702) Permits the Clark County Department of Aviation to convey all right, title, and interest in and to certain land to the University of Nevada at Las Vegas Research Foundation for the development of a technology research center. Sets forth conditions the Foundation must meet if it sells, leases, or otherwise conveys the land.

(Sec. 703) Directs the appropriate Secretary to convey to the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to certain land for use as a shooting range.

(Sec. 704) Requires the appropriate Secretary to convey to the city of Henderson, Nevada, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to certain land for use as a campus for the Nevada State College at Henderson. Delineates certain conditions for the conveyance that the Chancellor of the University system and the City shall agree to in writing, including that the college will use the land for educational and recreational purposes.

(Sec. 705) Directs the appropriate Secretary to convey to the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to certain land for use for affordable housing or for a related purpose.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 8, 2002:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Bingaman with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
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- **Oct 4, 2002:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jul 30, 2002:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 107-846.
- **Jun 11, 2002:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 11, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5375-5377)
- **Jun 11, 2002:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5378-5384)