

HR 2509

Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2009

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Committee Activity

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 4880	Related bill	Mar 22, 2010: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.
111 S 409	Related bill	Mar 2, 2010: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 279.

Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2009 - Directs the Secretary of Agriculture to: (1) accept a conveyance of non-federal land in Gila, Yavapai, Maricopa, Pinal, and Coconino Counties, Arizona, from Resolution Copper Mining, LLC (Resolution Copper); (2) convey to Resolution Copper certain federal land located in Pinal County, Arizona; (3) convey specified land in Pinal County to the town of Superior, Arizona; and (4) appraise lands exchanged or conveyed under this Act.

Instructs Resolution Copper to surrender, without compensation, the rights held by it under mining and other U.S. laws to: (1) commercially extract minerals under Apache Leap or certain of the non-federal land in Pinal County (the Pond); and (2) disturb the surface of Apache Leap.

Requires the Secretary to: (1) determine whether the land exchange with Resolution Copper is subject to the requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; and (2) if the exchange is subject to such requirements, prepare an environmental impact statement pursuant to those requirements, except as specified in this Act.

Permits Resolution Copper to carry out mineral exploration activities under the Oak Flat withdrawal area by any method that will not disturb the surface of the area.

Requires implementation of a management plan for Apache Leap.

Makes lands acquired by the Secretary under this Act part of the National Forest within which the land is located.

Requires Resolution Copper to make a specified payment to the Secretary to be used to promote and enhance outdoor recreational opportunities in the upper Pond area or the areas commonly known as "Inconceivables" and "Chill Hill."

Directs the Secretary to construct in the Global Ranger District of the Tonto National Forest, Arizona, one or more replacement campgrounds for the Oak Flat Campground.

Requires Resolution Copper to make value adjustment payments to the United States based upon locatable minerals produced from the federal land in Pinal County, Arizona.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 1, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.
- **May 20, 2009:** Introduced in House
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