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Northern Cheyenne Lands Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Native Americans

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Current Status: By Senator Tester from Committee on Indian Affairs filed written report. Report No. 113-317.

Latest Action: By Senator Tester from Committee on Indian Affairs filed written report. Report No. 113-317. (Dec 12, 2014)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** MT • **Chamber:** Senate

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Committee Activity

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| Indian Affairs Committee | Senate | Reported By | Aug 26, 2014 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 113 HR 4350 | Related bill | Sep 15, 2014: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 444. |
| 113 S 2256 | Related bill | Apr 11, 2014: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. |

Northern Cheyenne Lands Act - (Sec. 4) Directs the Secretary of the Interior to take approximately 932 acres of land in Montana into trust for the Northern Cheyenne Tribe.

(Sec. 5) Requires Great Northern Properties to convey to the Tribe its coal and iron ore mineral interests underlying the land on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation in exchange for U.S. coal mineral interests underlying the land referred to as Bull Mountains and East Fork. Sets forth conditions on the conveyance to Great Northern Properties.

Directs the Secretary to ensure that the deed for those federal coal mineral interests includes a covenant that precludes surface mining of the coal unless certain conditions are met.

Prohibits Montana from taxing the mineral interests this Act conveys to the Tribe.

Sets forth conditions regarding waiver of claims by the Tribe and Great Northern Properties.

(Sec. 6) Requires the Northern Cheyenne Trust Fund to be transferred to the Tribe in exchange for the Tribe waiving all of its claims arising from U.S. management of the Fund.

(Sec. 7) Directs the Secretary to prepare an inventory of fractionated land interests held by the United States in trust for the benefit of the Tribe or individual Indians on the Tribe's Reservation.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 12, 2014:** By Senator Tester from Committee on Indian Affairs filed written report. Report No. 113-317.
- **Aug 26, 2014:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Tester under authority of the order of the Senate of 08/05/2014 with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Aug 26, 2014:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 542.
- **Jul 30, 2014:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jul 9, 2014:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 113-419.
- **Jun 5, 2014:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 5, 2014:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.