

HR 3716

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe - Fish Springs Ranch Settlement Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Native Americans

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** NV • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Jun 19, 2014

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Native Americans

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 1818	Identical bill	Jul 28, 2014: By Senator Tester from Committee on Indian Affairs filed written report. Report No. 113-220.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the House reported version is repeated here.)

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe - Fish Springs Ranch Settlement Act - (Sec. 3) Authorizes and ratifies the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe-Fish Springs Ranch 2013 Supplement to the 2007 Settlement Agreement, dated November 20, 2013, and entered into by the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and the Fish Springs Ranch (Agreement).

(Sec. 4) Authorizes the Tribe, in return for the benefits set forth in the 2007 Settlement Agreement (Original Agreement), the Agreement, and this Act, to execute a waiver and release against Fish Springs of:

- all legal rights to challenge the validity, characteristics, or exercise of specified Fish Springs water rights or the project to pump up to 13,000 acre feet per year of such water rights from the Honey Lake Valley Basin for transfer outside of the basin (Project);
- all claims for damages, losses, or injuries to the Tribe's water rights or claims of interference with, diversion of, or taking of the Tribe's water rights;
- all claims that would impair, prevent, or interfere with implementation of the Project pursuant to the Agreement or Original Agreement, deliveries of water by the Project pursuant to those Agreements or a Water Banking Trust Agreement between Washoe County and Fish Springs, or assignments of water credits pursuant to such Trust Agreement; and
- all claims against Fish Springs relating to the negotiation or adoption of the Agreement or the Original Agreement.

Authorizes the Tribe, in return for the benefits set forth in the Original Agreement, the Agreement, and this Act, to execute a waiver and release of all claims against the United States that accrued at any time before and on the date that Fish Springs makes the payment to the Tribe as provided in the Agreement for damages, losses, or injuries that are related to:

- the Project or specified Fish Springs water rights;
- the Agreement, the Original Agreement, the final environmental impact statement for the North Valleys Rights-of-Way Projects, or the record of decision regarding that impact statement;
- claims the United States asserted or could have asserted in any past proceeding related to the Project;
- the negotiation, execution, or adoption of the Agreement, the Original Agreement, or this Act;
- the Tribe's use and expenditure of funds paid to the Tribe under the Agreement or the Original Agreement;
- the Tribe's acquisition and use of land under the Original Agreement; and
- the extinguishment of the claims, if any, that the Tribe waives and releases pursuant to this Act.

Lists the claims and rights that the Tribe retains against Fish Springs and the United States.

Provides that the United States has no right or obligation to bring or assert, on behalf of the Tribe, the claims waived and released by the Tribe after Fish Springs makes the payment to the Tribe as provided in the Agreement.

(Sec. 5) Makes this Act and the Agreement null and void if the Tribe fails to execute the waivers and releases authorized by this Act within 60 days.

(Sec. 6) Limits the Agreement's beneficiaries to its parties, certain purveyors of Project water, and any assignee of Water Rights Credits for Project water pursuant to a Water Banking Trust Agreement between Washoe County and Fish

Springs.

(Sec. 7) Vests jurisdiction over any civil action relating to the enforcement of the Agreement, the Original Agreement, or this Act in the United States District Court for the District of Nevada.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 26, 2014:** Signed by President.
- **Sep 26, 2014:** Became Public Law No: 113-169.
- **Sep 23, 2014:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 19, 2014:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 18, 2014:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S5862)
- **Sep 18, 2014:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S5862)
- **Jul 23, 2014:** Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 484.
- **Jul 22, 2014:** Mr. Daines moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jul 22, 2014:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6613-6615)
- **Jul 22, 2014:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3716.
- **Jul 22, 2014:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6613-6615)
- **Jul 22, 2014:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6613-6615)
- **Jul 22, 2014:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 17, 2014:** Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 113-532.
- **Jul 17, 2014:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 398.
- **Jun 19, 2014:** Subcommittee on Water and Power Discharged.
- **Jun 19, 2014:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 19, 2014:** Ordered to be Reported by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 10, 2014:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Dec 19, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power.
- **Dec 12, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 12, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.