

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—118th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. 4222

To adjust the boundary of the Mojave National Preserve in the State of California to include the land within the Castle Mountains National Monument.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended to be proposed by _____

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:
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3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Mojave National Preserve Boundary Adjustment Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ADDITION OF CASTLE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL MONUMENT LAND TO THE MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE, CALIFORNIA.**

9 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map accompanying the Proclamation.
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1 (B) in accordance with applicable laws (in-
2 cluding regulations).

3 (2) CASTLE MOUNTAIN MINE AREA.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
5 graph (C), the Secretary, acting through the
6 Director of the Bureau of Land Management,
7 shall continue to manage the Federal land de-
8 scribed in subparagraph (B) pursuant to the
9 Federal Land Policy and Management Act of
10 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) and other appli-
11 cable laws.

12 (B) DESCRIPTION OF FEDERAL LAND.—
13 The Federal land referred to in subparagraphs
14 (A) and (C) is the Federal land and interests
15 in the Federal land within the area identified as
16 “Castle Mountain Mine Area” on the Map.

17 (C) TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURIS-
18 DICTION.—

19 (i) IN GENERAL.—On the date on
20 which the Secretary makes a determination
21 described in clause (ii), the Secretary shall,
22 consistent with applicable laws, transfer
23 administrative jurisdiction over the Federal
24 land described in subparagraph (B) from
25 the Bureau of Land Management to the

1 National Park Service, to be administered
2 as part of the Preserve.

3 (ii) DETERMINATION DESCRIBED.—A
4 determination referred to in clause (i) is a
5 determination by the Secretary that, with
6 respect to the Federal land described in
7 subparagraph (B)—

8 (I) all mining and mining-related
9 activities have terminated and rec-
10 lamation is complete; or

11 (II) there has been a 10-year pe-
12 riod after the date of issuance of the
13 Proclamation during which no com-
14 mercial mining activities have oc-
15 curred pursuant to a Bureau of Land
16 Management-approved plan of oper-
17 ation.

18 (f) WATER RESOURCES.—The Secretary, in coopera-
19 tion with appropriate State officials and subject to appli-
20 cable Federal and State law, shall ensure the availability
21 of water resources, including groundwater resources, need-
22 ed for purposes of the Federal land added to the Preserve
23 by subsection (b).

24 (g) VALID EXISTING RIGHTS.—Nothing in this sec-
25 tion, including the inclusion of additional Federal land in

1 the Preserve under subsection (b) or (e)(2)(C), affects
2 valid existing rights.

3 **SEC. 3. TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION.**

4 Administrative jurisdiction over the portion of the
5 NE¹/₄SW¹/₄ sec. 11, T. 14 N., R. 17 E., of the San
6 Bernardino Meridian, lying easterly of a line 100 feet
7 westerly of the centerline of an existing road that traverses
8 the quarter from northeast to southwest, as generally de-
9 picted on the map entitled “Mojave National Preserve
10 Proposed Land Transfer”, numbered 170/195,273, and
11 dated November 2024, is transferred from the National
12 Park Service to the Bureau of Land Management.