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H. R. 481

To further the purposes of the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site
Establishment Act of 2000.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 1, 2005

Mrs. MUSGRAVE (for herself and Mr. COLE of Oklahoma) introduced the
following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

To further the purposes of the Sand Creek Massacre
National Historic Site Establishment Act of 2000.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Sand Creek Massacre
5 National Historic Site Trust Act of 2005”.

6 **SEC. 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY.**

7 To further the purposes of the Sand Creek Massacre
8 National Historic Site Establishment Act of 2000 (16
9 U.S.C. 461 note; Public Law 106–465), this Act author-
10 izes the United States to take certain land in Kiowa Coun-

1 ty, Colorado, owned by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
2 of Oklahoma, into trust.

3 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

4 In this Act:

5 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
6 the Secretary of the Interior.

7 (2) TRIBE.—The term “Tribe” means the
8 Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, a feder-
9 ally recognized Indian tribe.

10 (3) TRUST PROPERTY.—The term “trust prop-
11 erty” means the property described in section 4(b).

12 **SEC. 4. TRANSFER OF LAND HELD IN TRUST FOR THE**
13 **CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES OF OKLA-**
14 **HOMA.**

15 (a) LAND HELD IN TRUST FOR THE CHEYENNE AND
16 ARAPAHO TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA.—

17 (1) CONVEYANCE.—Not later than 180 days
18 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Tribe
19 shall convey title to the trust property to the United
20 States.

21 (2) TRUST.—All right, title, and interest of the
22 United States in and to the trust property, including
23 all improvement on the trust property and appur-
24 tenances to the trust property and rights to all min-

1 erals, are declared to be held by the United States
2 in trust for the Tribe.

3 (b) LAND DESCRIPTION.—The trust property is the
4 property formerly known as the “Dawson Ranch”, con-
5 sisting of approximately 1,465 total acres presently under
6 the jurisdiction of the Tribe, situated within Kiowa Coun-
7 ty, Colorado, and more particularly described as follows:

8 (1) The portion of sec. 24, T. 17 S., R. 46 W.,
9 Colorado Principal Meridian, that is the Eastern
10 half of the NW quarter, the SW quarter of the NE
11 quarter, the NW quarter of the SE quarter, Colo-
12 rado Principal Meridian.

13 (2) All of sec. 25, T. 17 S., R. 46 W., Colorado
14 Principal Meridian.

15 (3) All of sec. 30, T. 17 S., R. 45 W., Colorado
16 Principal Meridian.

17 **SEC. 5. SURVEY OF BOUNDARY LINE; PUBLICATION OF DE-**
18 **SCRIPTION.**

19 (a) SURVEY OF BOUNDARY LINE.—To accurately es-
20 tablish the boundary of the trust property, the Secretary
21 shall, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
22 of this Act, cause a survey to be conducted by the Office
23 of Cadastral Survey of the Bureau of Land Management
24 of the boundary lines described in section 4(b).

25 (b) PUBLICATION OF LAND DESCRIPTION.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—On completion of the survey
2 under subsection (a), and acceptance of the survey
3 by the representatives of the Tribe, the Secretary
4 shall cause the full metes and bounds description of
5 the lines, with a full and accurate description of the
6 trust property, to be published in the Federal Reg-
7 ister.

8 (2) EFFECT.—The descriptions shall, on publi-
9 cation, constitute the official descriptions of the
10 trust property.

11 **SEC. 6. ADMINISTRATION OF TRUST PROPERTY.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—The trust property is declared to
13 be part of the Indian reservation of the Tribe.

14 (b) ADMINISTRATION.—The trust property shall be
15 administered in perpetuity by the Secretary in accordance
16 with the law generally applicable to property held in trust
17 by the United States for the benefit of Indian tribes and
18 in accordance with the Sand Creek Massacre National
19 Historic Site Establishment Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 461
20 note; Public Law 106–465).

21 **SEC. 7. RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL USES.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—The trust property shall be used
23 only for historic, religious, or cultural uses that are com-
24 patible with the use of the land as a national historic site.

1 (b) DUTY OF THE SECRETARY.—The Secretary shall
2 take such action as is necessary to ensure that the trust
3 property is used only in accordance with this section.

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