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H. R. 3560

To establish certain requirements relating to the transfer or disposal of public lands managed by the Bureau of Land management, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HEFLEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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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. FINDINGS**

4 The Congress finds that—

5 (1) the Bureau of Land Management presently
6 holds title to 1,800,000,000 acres of public land,

7 (2) much of this land is marginal in value and
8 left over from the 19th century,

1 (3) in many cases, the costs of maintaining and
2 surveying this land far exceed the actual value of
3 these parcels,

4 (4) the agency is presently facing a sizable
5 budget backlog which is hampering its ability to
6 properly manage all of this property,

7 (5) under the Federal Land Policy and Man-
8 agement Act of 1976, the Bureau is required to
9 identify public lands suitable for sale, exchange, or
10 transfer, and

11 (6) the transfer of some of these parcels could
12 effect budget savings and greater management effi-
13 ciencies for the Bureau.

14 **SEC. 2. TRANSFER OR DISPOSAL OF PUBLIC LANDS.**

15 Annual budget requests submitted by the Secretary
16 of the Interior shall be accompanied by information as to
17 whether the Bureau of Land Management, through prepa-
18 ration of land-use plans pursuant to the Federal Land
19 Policy and Management Act of 1976, has identified public
20 lands which are suitable for transfer to other management
21 or for disposal through exchange or otherwise, the transfer
22 or disposal of which have been delayed because of incom-
23 plete surveys or other reasons. If enactment of additional
24 legislation would be desirable in order to facilitate the
25 transfer or disposal of public lands described in the re-

- 1 quest, the Secretary may include a proposal for such addi-
- 2 tional legislation in such request.

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