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# H. R. 1673

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 23, 2013

Mr. MCCARTHY of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Naval Air Weapons  
5 Station China Lake Security Enhancement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION,**  
2 **NAVAL AIR WEAPONS STATION CHINA LAKE,**  
3 **CALIFORNIA.**

4 (a) **TRANSFER REQUIRED.**—Not later than Sep-  
5 tember 30, 2014, the Secretary of the Interior shall trans-  
6 fer to the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretary of  
7 the Navy certain public land administered by the Bureau  
8 of Land Management in Inyo, Kern, and San Bernardino  
9 Counties, California, consisting of approximately  
10 1,045,000 acres in Inyo, Kern, and San Bernardino Coun-  
11 ties, California, as generally depicted on the map titled  
12 “Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake Withdrawal -  
13 Renewal” and dated 2012.

14 (b) **USE OF TRANSFERRED LAND.**—Upon the receipt  
15 of the land under subsection (a), the Secretary of the Navy  
16 shall include the land as part of the Naval Air Weapons  
17 Station China Lake, California, and authorize use of the  
18 land for military purposes.

19 (c) **LEGAL DESCRIPTION.**—

20 (1) **PREPARATION AND PUBLICATION.**—The  
21 Secretary of the Interior shall publish in the Federal  
22 Register a legal description of the public land to be  
23 transferred under subsection (a).

24 (2) **FORCE OF LAW.**—The legal description filed  
25 under paragraph (1) shall have the same force and  
26 effect as if included in this Act, except that the Sec-

1       retary of the Interior may correct errors in the legal  
2       description.

3       (d) REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS.—The transfer re-  
4       quired by subsection (a) shall be made without reimburse-  
5       ment, except that the Secretary of the Navy shall reim-  
6       burse the Secretary of the Interior for any costs incurred  
7       by the Secretary of the Interior to prepare the legal de-  
8       scription under subsection (c).

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