

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 2630
OFFERED BY MR. GOSAR OF ARIZONA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “La Paz County Land
3 Conveyance Act”.

4 SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

5 In this Act:

6 (1) COUNTY.—The term “County” means La
7 Paz County, Arizona.

8 (2) FEDERAL LAND.—The term “Federal land”
9 means the approximately 8,800 acres of land man-
10 aged by the Bureau of Land Management and des-
11 ignated as “Federal land to be conveyed” on the
12 map.

13 (3) MAP.—The term “map” means the map
14 prepared by the Bureau of Land Management enti-
15 tled “Proposed La Paz County Land Conveyance”
16 and dated May 24, 2017.

17 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
18 the Secretary of the Interior.

1 **SEC. 3. CONVEYANCE TO LA PAZ COUNTY, ARIZONA.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
3 date on which the Secretary receives a request from the
4 County to convey all or a portion of the Federal land, sub-
5 ject to valid existing rights and to such terms and condi-
6 tions as the Secretary determines to be necessary and not-
7 withstanding the land use planning requirements of sec-
8 tions 202 and 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Man-
9 agement Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712, 1713), the Sec-
10 retary shall convey to the County all right, title, and inter-
11 est of the United States in and to the Federal land identi-
12 fied on the map.

13 (b) PHASED CONVEYANCE.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall convey
15 the public land described in subsection (a) in parcels
16 over a period of up to 20 years, as is required to
17 carry out the phased development of renewable en-
18 ergy or other economic development.

19 (2) PAYMENT OF FAIR MARKET VALUE.—A
20 parcel shall be conveyed by the Secretary on pay-
21 ment by La Paz County, Arizona, to the Secretary,
22 of the fair market value of the parcel, as determined
23 under paragraph (3).

24 (3) APPRAISAL TO DETERMINE FAIR MARKET
25 VALUE.—The Secretary shall determine the fair
26 market value of the Federal land to be conveyed—

1 (A) in accordance with the Federal Land
2 Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C.
3 1701 et seq.); and

4 (B) based on an appraisal that is con-
5 ducted in accordance with—

6 (i) the Uniform Appraisal Standards
7 for Federal Land Acquisition; and

8 (ii) the Uniform Standards of Profes-
9 sional Appraisal Practice.

10 (c) PROTECTION OF TRIBAL CULTURAL ARTI-
11 FACTS.—To the greatest extent practicable, the County
12 and all subsequent owners of land conveyed under this Act
13 shall—

14 (1) make good faith efforts to avoid disturbing
15 Tribal artifacts;

16 (2) minimize impacts on Tribal artifacts if they
17 are disturbed;

18 (3) work with the Colorado River Indian Tribes
19 Tribal Historic Preservation Office to identify arti-
20 facts of cultural and historic significance; and

21 (4) allow Tribal representatives to rebury un-
22 earthed artifacts at or near where they were discov-
23 ered.

24 (d) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The map shall be on file and
2 available for public inspection in the appropriate of-
3 fices of the Bureau of Land Management.

4 (2) CORRECTIONS.—The Secretary and the
5 County may, by mutual agreement—

6 (A) make minor boundary adjustments to
7 the Federal land to be conveyed under sub-
8 section (a); and

9 (B) correct any minor errors in the map,
10 an acreage estimate, or the description of the
11 Federal land.

12 (e) WITHDRAWAL.—The Federal land is withdrawn
13 from the operation of the mining and mineral leasing laws
14 of the United States.

15 (f) COSTS.—As a condition of the conveyance of the
16 Federal land under subsection (a), the County shall pay—

17 (1) an amount equal to the appraised value de-
18 termined in accordance with subsection (b)(3); and

19 (2) all costs related to the conveyance, including
20 all surveys, appraisals, and other administrative
21 costs associated with the conveyance of the Federal
22 land to the County under subsection (a).

