

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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At the end of subtitle B of title XVII, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 17__.** **SLOAN CANYON NATIONAL CONSERVATION**
2 **AREA BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.**

3 (a) **BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.**—

4 (1) **MAP.**—Section 603(4) of the Sloan Canyon
5 National Conservation Area Act (16 U.S.C. 460qqq–
6 1(4)) is amended by striking “map entitled ‘South-
7 ern Nevada Public Land Management Act’ and
8 dated October 1, 2002” and inserting “map entitled
9 ‘Proposed Sloan Canyon Expansion’ and dated May
10 20, 2024”.

11 (2) **ACREAGE.**—Section 604(b) of the Sloan
12 Canyon National Conservation Area Act (16 U.S.C.
13 460qqq–2(b)) is amended by striking “48,438” and
14 inserting “57,728”.

15 (b) **RIGHT-OF-WAY.**—Section 605 of the Sloan Can-
16 yon National Conservation Area Act (16 U.S.C. 460qqq–
17 3) is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(h) HORIZON LATERAL PIPELINE RIGHT-OF-
2 WAY.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sections
4 202 and 503 of the Federal Land Policy and Man-
5 agement Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712, 1763) and
6 subject to valid existing rights and paragraph (3),
7 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-
8 rector of the Bureau of Land Management (referred
9 to in this subsection as the ‘Secretary’), shall, not
10 later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this
11 subsection, grant to the Southern Nevada Water Au-
12 thority (referred to in this subsection as the ‘Author-
13 ity’), not subject to the payment of rents or other
14 charges, the temporary and permanent water pipe-
15 line infrastructure, and outside the boundaries of the
16 Conservation Area, powerline, facility, and access
17 road rights-of-way depicted on the map for the pur-
18 poses of—

19 “(A) performing geotechnical investigations
20 within the rights-of-way; and

21 “(B) constructing and operating water
22 transmission and related facilities.

23 “(2) EXCAVATION AND DISPOSAL.—

24 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Authority may,
25 without consideration, excavate and use or dis-

1 pose of sand, gravel, minerals, or other mate-
2 rials from the tunneling of the water pipeline
3 necessary to fulfill the purpose of the rights-of-
4 way granted under paragraph (1).

5 “(B) MEMORANDUM OF UNDER-
6 STANDING.—Not later than 30 days after the
7 date on which the rights-of-way are granted
8 under paragraph (1), the Secretary and the Au-
9 thority shall enter into a memorandum of un-
10 derstanding identifying Federal land on which
11 the Authority may dispose of materials under
12 subparagraph (A) to further the interests of the
13 Bureau of Land Management.

14 “(3) REQUIREMENTS.—A right-of-way issued
15 under this subsection shall be subject to the fol-
16 lowing requirements:

17 “(A) The Secretary may include reasonable
18 terms and conditions, consistent with section
19 505 of the Federal Land Policy and Manage-
20 ment Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1765), as are nec-
21 essary to protect Conservation Area resources.

22 “(B) Construction of the water pipeline
23 shall not permanently adversely affect conserva-
24 tion area surface resources.

1 “(C) The right-of-way shall not be located
2 through or under any area designated as wilder-
3 ness.”.

4 (c) PRESERVATION OF TRANSMISSION AND UTILITY
5 CORRIDORS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY.—The expansion of the
6 Conservation Area boundary under the amendment made
7 by subsection (a)—

8 (1) shall be subject to valid existing rights, in-
9 cluding land within a designated utility transmission
10 corridor or a transmission line right-of-way grant
11 approved by the Secretary in a record of decision
12 issued before the date of the enactment of this sec-
13 tion;

14 (2) shall not preclude—

15 (A) any activity authorized in accordance
16 with a designated corridor or right-of-way re-
17 ferred to in paragraph (1), including the oper-
18 ation, maintenance, repair, or replacement of
19 any authorized utility facility within the cor-
20 ridor or right-of-way; or

21 (B) the Secretary from authorizing the es-
22 tablishment of a new utility facility right-of-way
23 within an existing designated transportation
24 and utility corridor referred to in paragraph
25 (1)—

1 (i) in accordance with the National
2 Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42
3 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and other applicable
4 laws; and

5 (ii) subject to such terms and condi-
6 tions as the Secretary determines to be ap-
7 propriate.

8 (d) MANAGEMENT OF THE CONSERVATION AREA.—
9 Except as provided in the amendment made by subsection
10 (b), nothing in this section or the amendments made by
11 this section shall modify the management of the Conserva-
12 tion Area pursuant to section 605 of the Sloan Canyon
13 National Conservation Area Act (16 U.S.C. 460qqq–3).

14 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) The term “Conservation Area” means the
16 Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area.

17 (2) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary
18 of the Interior, acting through the Director of the
19 Bureau of Land Management.

