

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. _____

To take certain mineral interests into trust for the benefit of the Crow
Tribe of Montana, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. DAINES introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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of the Crow Tribe of Montana, and for other purposes.

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 “Crow Revenue Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

6 In this Act:

7 (1) BULL MOUNTAINS TRACTS.—The term
8 “Bull Mountains Tracts” means the mineral inter-
9 ests that—

1 (A) are located in Musselshell County,
2 Montana;

3 (B) comprise approximately 4,530 acres of
4 subsurface interests owned by the United States
5 located in—

- 6 (i) T. 6 N., R. 26 E., sec. 2;
7 (ii) T. 6 N., R. 26 E., sec. 24;
8 (iii) T. 6 N., R. 27 E., sec. 4;
9 (iv) T. 6 N., R. 27 E., sec. 8;
10 (v) T. 6 N., R. 27 E., sec. 10;
11 (vi) T. 6 N., R. 27 E., sec. 14;
12 (vii) T. 6 N., R. 27 E., sec. 22;
13 (viii) T. 7 N., R. 26 E., sec. 24;
14 (ix) T. 7 N., R. 26 E., sec. 26;
15 (x) T. 7 N., R. 26 E., sec. 34;
16 (xi) T. 7 N., R. 27 E., sec. 20; and
17 (xii) T. 7 N., R. 27 E., sec. 22;

18 (C) comprise approximately 940 acres of
19 surface interests owned by the United States lo-
20 cated in—

- 21 (i) T. 6 N., R. 26 E., sec. 2;
22 (ii) T. 6 N., R. 27 E., sec. 8;
23 (iii) T. 6 N., R. 27 E., sec. 10;
24 (iv) T. 6 N., R. 28 E., sec. 8; and
25 (v) T. 7 N., R. 27 E., sec. 34; and

1 (D) are generally depicted on the map en-
2 titled “Bull Mountains Tracts” and dated Jan-
3 uary 30, 2024.

4 (2) HOPE FAMILY TRACTS.—The term “Hope
5 Family Tracts” means the aggregate mineral inter-
6 ests that—

7 (A) are located in Big Horn County, Mon-
8 tana, within the boundaries of the Crow Res-
9 ervation;

10 (B) comprise approximately 4,660 acres of
11 subsurface interests owned by the Hope Family
12 Trust located in—

13 (i) T. 4 S., R. 37 E., sec. 33;

14 (ii) T. 4 S., R. 37 E., sec. 34;

15 (iii) T. 5 S., R. 37 E., sec. 1;

16 (iv) T. 5 S., R. 37 E., sec. 2;

17 (v) T. 5 S., R. 37 E., sec. 3;

18 (vi) T. 5 S., R. 37 E., sec. 10;

19 (vii) T. 5 S., R. 37 E., sec. 11;

20 (viii) T. 5 S., R. 37 E., sec. 12;

21 (ix) T. 5 S., R. 37 E., sec. 13;

22 (x) T. 5 S., R. 37 E., sec. 14;

23 (xi) T. 5 S., R. 37 E., sec. 15;

24 (xii) T. 5 S., R. 38 E., sec. 5;

25 (xiii) T. 5 S., R. 38 E., sec. 8;

1 (xiv) T. 5 S., R. 38 E., sec. 9;

2 (xv) T. 5 S., R. 38 E., sec. 16; and

3 (xvi) T. 5 S., R. 38 E., sec. 17; and

4 (C) are generally depicted on the map enti-
5 tled “Hope Family Tracts” and dated January
6 30, 2024.

7 (3) HOPE FAMILY TRUST.—The term “Hope
8 Family Trust” means the Joe and Barbara Hope
9 Mineral Trust.

10 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
11 the Secretary of the Interior.

12 (5) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
13 of Montana.

14 (6) TRIBE.—The term “Tribe” means the Crow
15 Tribe of Montana.

16 **SEC. 3. MINERAL RIGHTS TO BE TAKEN INTO TRUST.**

17 (a) COMPLETION OF MINERAL CONVEYANCES.—Not
18 later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act,
19 in a single transaction—

20 (1) as authorized by section 9(b) of Bureau of
21 Land Management Lease MTM-97988 dated June
22 1, 2012, the Secretary shall accept the relinquis-
23 ment of that Lease;

1 (2) the Hope Family Trust shall convey to the
2 Tribe all right, title, and interest in and to the min-
3 eral interests in the Hope Family Tracts; and

4 (3) the Secretary shall convey to the Hope
5 Family Trust all right, title, and interest of the
6 United States in and to the mineral interests and
7 surface land in the Bull Mountains Tracts.

8 (b) TRUST STATUS.—On the request of the Tribe,
9 the mineral interests conveyed to the Tribe under sub-
10 section (a)(2) shall be held in trust by the United States
11 for the benefit of the Tribe.

12 (c) NO STATE TAXATION.—The mineral interests
13 conveyed to the Tribe under subsection (a)(2) shall not
14 be subject to taxation by the State (including any political
15 subdivision of the State).

16 (d) REVENUE SHARING AGREEMENT.—The Tribe
17 shall notify the Secretary, in writing, that the Tribe and
18 the Hope Family Trust have agreed on a formula for shar-
19 ing revenue from development of the mineral interests de-
20 scribed in subsection (a)(2) if those mineral interests are
21 developed at a later date.

22 **SEC. 4. ELIGIBILITY FOR OTHER FEDERAL BENEFITS.**

23 No amounts or other benefits provided to the Tribe
24 under this Act shall result in the reduction or denial of
25 any Federal services, benefits, or programs to the Tribe

1 or any member of the Tribe to which the Tribe or member
2 of the Tribe is entitled or eligible because of—

3 (1) the status of the Tribe as a federally recog-
4 nized Indian Tribe; or

5 (2) the status of the member as a member of
6 the Tribe.