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To provide for the protection of natural and cultural resources, Tribal collaborative management, sustainable economic development, enhanced recreation, and equitable access on Federal lands in eastern Imperial and Riverside counties, California, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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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 “Chuckwalla National  
5 Monument Establishment and Joshua Tree National Park  
6 Expansion Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. CHUCKWALLA NATIONAL MONUMENT TRIBAL COM-**2 **MISSION.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after  
4 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall es-  
5 tablish a commission, to be known as the “Chuckwalla Na-  
6 tional Monument Tribal Commission”.

7 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—

8 (1) MAKEUP.—The Commission shall include a  
9 representative from each culturally affiliated Tribe.

10 (2) PROCESS.—The Secretary shall conduct  
11 government-to-government consultation with each  
12 culturally affiliated tribe to determine the member-  
13 ship of the Commission.

14 (c) DUTIES.—

15 (1) DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.—The Com-  
16 mission shall inform and provide input to the devel-  
17 opment and implementation of the management plan  
18 alongside federal agencies.

19 (2) DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.—The Sec-  
20 retary shall—

21 (A) ensure the Commission is equitably in-  
22 volved in the development and implementation  
23 of the management plan and the subsequent  
24 management of the Monument;

25 (B) incorporate into the management  
26 plan—

- 1                             (i) the traditional and historical  
2                             knowledge and special expertise of the  
3                             Commission; and  
4                             (ii) public education and interpretation  
5                             for traditional place names and the  
6                             cultural significance of lands within the  
7                             Monument, as the Secretary and the Com-  
8                             mission determine to be appropriate; and  
9                             (iii) address funding, capacity build-  
10                             ing, infrastructure for Tribes.

11         (d) PROCEDURES.—The Commission shall establish  
12         such rules and procedures for the Commission as the Com-  
13         mission determines to be necessary or desirable.

14         **SEC. 3. CHUCKWALLA NATIONAL MONUMENT ADVISORY  
15                             COMMITTEE.**

16         (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not less than 180 days after  
17         the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall es-  
18         tablish an advisory council, to be known as the  
19         “Chuckwalla National Monument Advisory Council”.

20         (b) DUTIES.—The advisory council shall advise the  
21         Secretary with respect to the preparation of the manage-  
22         ment plan for the Monument.

23         (c) APPLICABLE LAW.—The advisory council shall be  
24         subject to—

1                         (1) the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5  
2 U.S.C. App.);

3                         (2) the Federal Land Policy and Management  
4 Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); and

5                         (3) all other applicable law.

6                         (d) MEMBERS.—The advisory council shall include 19  
7 members, to be appointed by the Secretary, of whom, to  
8 the extent practicable—

9                         (1) one member shall be appointed after consid-  
10 ering the recommendations of the Riverside County  
11 Board of Supervisors;

12                         (2) one member shall be appointed after consid-  
13 ering the recommendations of the Imperial County  
14 Board of Supervisors;

15                         (3) one member shall be appointed after consid-  
16 ering the recommendations of the Secretary of the  
17 California Natural Resources Agency; and

18                         (4) nine members shall reside in, or within rea-  
19 sonable proximity to, Riverside or Imperial counties  
20 with backgrounds that reflect—

21                         (A) the purposes specified in section 4(b);  
22 and

23                         (B) the interest of persons affected by the  
24 planning and management of the National  
25 Monument, including persons representing pri-

1           vate land-ownership, non-governmental organi-  
2           zations managing lands for conservation pur-  
3           poses, and environmental, recreational, tourism,  
4           or other non-Federal land interests.

5           (e) REPRESENTATION.—The Secretary shall ensure  
6        that the membership of the advisory council is fairly bal-  
7        anced in terms of the points of view represented and the  
8        functions to be performed by the advisory council.

9           (f) TERMS.—

10           (1) STAGGERED TERMS.—Members of the advi-  
11        sory council shall be appointed for terms of three  
12        years, except that, of the members first appointed,  
13        five of the members shall be appointed for a term  
14        of one year and five of the members shall be ap-  
15        pointed for a term of two years.

16           (2) REAPPOINTMENT.—A member may be re-  
17        appointed to serve on the advisory council upon the  
18        expiration of the member's current term.

19           (3) VACANCY.—A vacancy on the advisory  
20        council shall be filled in the same manner as the  
21        original appointment.

22           (g) QUORUM.—A quorum shall be eight members of  
23        the advisory council. The operations of the advisory coun-  
24        cil shall not be impaired by the fact that a member has

1 not yet been appointed as long as a quorum has been at-  
2 tained.

3 (h) CHAIRPERSON AND PROCEDURES.—The advisory  
4 council shall elect a chairperson and establish such rules  
5 and procedures as it deems necessary or desirable.

6 (i) SERVICE WITHOUT COMPENSATION.—Members of  
7 the advisory council shall serve without pay.

8 (j) TERMINATION.—The advisory committee shall  
9 cease to exist on the date that the management plan is  
10 officially adopted by the Secretary unless the Secretary de-  
11 termines to extend the advisory committee.

12 **SEC. 4. EXPANSION OF JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK.**

13 Section 402 of the California Desert Protection Act  
14 of 1994 (Public Law 103–433) is amended by inserting  
15 “and the approximately 20,005 acres on the map entitled  
16 ‘Proposed Chuckwalla National Monument’ and dated  
17 September 20, 2023,” after “October 1991 or prior.”.

18 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

19 In this Act:

20 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
21 the Secretary of the Interior.

22 (2) STATE.—The term “State” means the State  
23 of California.

24 (3) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian tribe”  
25 means the governing body of any Indian tribe, band,

1 nation, pueblo, village, community, component band,  
2 or component reservation individually identified (in-  
3 cluding parenthetically) on the list published by the  
4 Secretary under section 104 of the Federally Recog-  
5 nized Indian Tribe List Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C.  
6 5131).

7 (4) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—The term “manage-  
8 ment plan” means the management plan prepared  
9 under section 4(c)(10).

10 (5) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map ti-  
11 tled “Proposed Chuckwalla National Monument”  
12 and dated September 20, 2023.

13 (6) MONUMENT.—The term “Monument”  
14 means the Chuckwalla National Monument estab-  
15 lished by section 4(a).

16 (7) COMMISSION.—The term “commission”  
17 means the Chuckwalla National Monument Tribal  
18 Commission established by section 6(a).

19 (8) ADVISORY COUNCIL.—The term “advisory  
20 council” means the Chuckwalla National Monument  
21 Advisory Council established by section 7(a).

22 (9) DESERT RENEWABLE ENERGY CONSERVA-  
23 TION PLAN.—The term “desert renewable energy  
24 conservation plan” means the Record of Decision for  
25 the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan

1       Land Use Plan Amendment to the California Desert  
2       Conservation Plan, Bishop Resource Management  
3       Plan, and Bakersfield Resource Management Plan  
4       by the Bureau of Land Management, dated Sep-  
5       tember 2016, as amended.

6 **SEC. 6. FINDINGS.**

7       Congress finds that the lands designated as the  
8 Chuckwalla National Monument—

9               (1) are the ancestral homelands of numerous  
10          Tribes including the Iviatim, Kwatsáan, Maara'yam,  
11          Nüwü, and Pipa Aha Macav peoples, which include  
12          today's Cahuilla, Chemehuevi, Mojave, Quechan, and  
13          Serrano nations and—

14               (A) continue to be regularly accessed and  
15          utilized by these same Tribes today;

16               (B) will continue to be used by the Tribes  
17          in the future;

18               (C) contain a complex trail system estab-  
19          lished by Native Americans for various uses in-  
20          cluding spiritual travel, trade, communication,  
21          and which connects to regions outside of the  
22          Monument boundaries, including Avi Kwa Ame;

23               (D) include sacred sites, historic prop-  
24          erties, traditional cultural places and cultural  
25          landscapes, sacred items, objects of cultural

1           patrimony, human remains, religious sites,  
2           geoglyphs, petroglyphs, and pictographs with  
3           significant value to the survival and well-being  
4           of Tribal people and their knowledge systems;

5                 (E) plants, wildlife, water sources, and  
6                 minerals which are connected together as part  
7                 of a greater cultural landscape; and

8                 (F) the associated Indian Tribes have a  
9                 longstanding relationship to the area, acting as  
10                its stewards since time immemorial, with obliga-  
11                tions to care for the cultural, spiritual, and nat-  
12                ural resources provided to them by the land in-  
13                cluding sacred places, plants, wildlife, water  
14                sources, and minerals;

15                 (2) have nationally significant biodiversity,  
16                 given that they are located in the transitional zone  
17                 where the Sonoran and Mojave Deserts come to-  
18                 gether;

19                 (3) are home to a wide variety of topography  
20                 and elevation, leading to distinct microclimates and  
21                 ecosystems;

22                 (4) are largely intact, undeveloped, and adja-  
23                 cent to other federally protected areas such as Josh-  
24                 ua Tree National Park, Indian Pass Wilderness, and  
25                 the Palen/McCoy Wilderness;

1                         (5) are a refuge for over 150 plant species,  
2 many found nowhere else, including—

3                         (A) Munz's cholla, California's largest en-  
4 demic cacti, located on the Chuckwalla Bench;

5                         (B) California fan palm, a plant managed  
6 and used extensively by Tribal people for thou-  
7 sands of years found in oases at Corn Springs,  
8 Mecca Hills Wilderness, and elsewhere where  
9 tectonic movements allow groundwater to seep  
10 up; and

11                         (C) the triple-ribbed milk-vetch, listed as  
12 endangered under the Endangered Species Act,  
13 as well as other sensitive species including  
14 Emory's crucifixion thorn and Mecca-aster;

15                         (6) host some of the most extensive microphyll  
16 woodlands (small-leaf trees like ironwood and palo  
17 verde) in California in places like Milpitas Wash, a  
18 habitat critical to the survival of Tribal people, as  
19 well as many species including the burro deer and  
20 migrating birds;

21                         (7) offer core habitat and essential migration  
22 pathways for wildlife, including over 50 sensitive  
23 animal species, including—

- 1                             (A) critical habitat for the Agassiz's desert  
2                             tortoise, which is listed as threatened under the  
3                             Endangered Species Act;
- 4                             (B) critical habitat for the desert bighorn  
5                             sheep, an iconic species with declining numbers;
- 6                             (C) habitat in microphyll woodlands for  
7                             large numbers of resident and migratory birds,  
8                             which is crucial amid the otherwise major de-  
9                             clines in bird numbers recorded in North Amer-  
10                           ica over the last 50 years; and
- 11                           (D) former habitat for the endangered  
12                             Sonoran pronghorn in the Chuckwalla Bench,  
13                             the site of a multi-year reintroduction effort  
14                             that is already underway;
- 15                             (8) offer important glimpses into key periods in  
16                             regional history, such as—
- 17                             (A) the gold seekers who used an existing  
18                             Indigenous route to establish what is now the  
19                             Bradshaw Trail in the 1870s; and
- 20                             (B) the invaluable training of more than  
21                             one million soldiers from across the United  
22                             States when these lands were part of the Cali-  
23                             fornia-Arizona Maneuver Area from 1942–  
24                             1944;

1                             (9) provide outstanding outdoor recreation op-  
2                             portunities to local communities and visitors alike,  
3                             including hiking, horseback riding, motorized vehicle  
4                             use and mountain biking on designated routes of  
5                             travel, wildlife viewing, hunting, climbing,  
6                             rockhounding, picnicking, and camping; and

7                             (10) offer inexpensive access to public lands for  
8                             disadvantaged communities, including the farming  
9                             and farm laboring communities of the eastern  
10                            Coachella Valley and Blythe regions.

11 **SEC. 7. DESIGNATION OF CHUCKWALLA NATIONAL MONU-  
12                            MENT.**

13                         (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to valid existing  
14                         rights, there is established the Chuckwalla National Monu-  
15                         ment in the State, consisting of approximately 661,000  
16                         acres of Federal land administered by the Bureau of Land  
17                         Management, as generally depicted on the Map.

18                         (b) PURPOSES.—The purpose of the Monument is  
19                         to—

20                         (1) conserve, protect, and enhance for the ben-  
21                         efit and enjoyment of present and future generations  
22                         the ecological, scenic, wildlife, recreational, cultural,  
23                         historical, natural, educational, and scientific re-  
24                         sources of the Monument; and

1                         (2) provide for collaborative management with  
2                         culturally affiliated Tribes of Monument resources.

3                         (c) MANAGEMENT.—

4                         (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall manage  
5                         the Monument—

6                                 (A) in a manner that conserves, protects,  
7                         and enhances the resources of the Monument;

8                                 (B) in accordance with—

9   (i) the Federal Land Policy and Man-  
10                         agement Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et  
11                         seq.);

12                                 (ii) this section; and

13                                 (iii) any other applicable law (includ-  
14                         ing regulations);

15                                 (C) in collaboration with culturally affili-  
16                         ated Tribes; and

17                                 (D) as a component of the National Land-  
18                         scape Conservation System.

19                         (2) USES.—The Secretary shall only allow uses  
20                         of the Monument that the Secretary determines  
21                         would further the purposes described in subsection  
22                         (b).

23                         (3) NATIVE AMERICAN ACCESS AND USE.—

24                                 (A) ACCESS.—The Secretary shall ensure  
25                         access to the Monument by members of an In-

1 dian tribe for traditional cultural purposes and  
2 activities.

3 (B) USE.—In implementing this para-  
4 graph, the Secretary, upon the request of an  
5 Indian tribe, may temporarily close to the gen-  
6 eral public use of one or more specific portions  
7 of the Monument in order to protect the privacy  
8 of traditional cultural activities in such areas by  
9 members of the Indian tribe. The access and  
10 use provided under this paragraph shall be con-  
11 sistent with the purpose and intent of Public  
12 Law 95–341 (42 U.S.C. 1996), commonly re-  
13 ferred to as the American Indian Religious  
14 Freedom Act.

15 (4) RECREATION.—The Secretary shall con-  
16 tinue to authorize, maintain, and enhance recreation  
17 in the Monument, including, but not limited to,  
18 camping, hiking, backpacking, sightseeing, nature  
19 study, horseback riding, hunting, hang gliding,  
20 climbing, mountain biking and motorized recreation  
21 on authorized routes, and the noncommercial col-  
22 lecting of rocks, minerals, and semi-precious  
23 gemstones, so long as such recreational use is con-  
24 sistent with the purposes specified in section 4(b),  
25 this section, other applicable law (including regula-

1       tions), applicable management plans, and input from  
2       the Commission regarding potential impacts to cul-  
3       turally sensitive sites and resources.

4                     (5) MOTORIZED VEHICLES.—

5                     (A) IN GENERAL.—Except in cases in  
6       which motorized vehicles are needed for admin-  
7       istrative purposes, or to respond to an emer-  
8       gency, the use of motorized vehicles in the  
9       Monument shall be permitted only on routes  
10      designated by the management plan for the use  
11      of motorized vehicles.

12                   (B) INTERIM MANAGEMENT.—

13                   (i) Except as provided in clauses (ii)  
14       and (iii), until the completion of the man-  
15       agement plan, the use of motorized vehicles  
16       in the Monument shall be permitted only  
17       on the routes displayed on the map entitled  
18       “Chuckwalla National Monument Estab-  
19       lishment and Joshua Tree National Park  
20       Expansion”.

21                   (ii) Nothing in clause (i) prevents the  
22       Secretary from closing roads, trails, or  
23       areas to motorized vehicles to protect nat-  
24       ural or cultural resources, or for public  
25       safety.

1                     (6) GRAZING.—The Secretary shall not estab-  
2       lish any new allotments for livestock grazing that in-  
3       clude any Monument land (whether leased or not  
4       leased for grazing on the date of enactment of this  
5       Act).

6                     (7) EXISTING EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-  
7       WAY.—Nothing in this Act shall be construed to pre-  
8       clude the renewal or assignment of, or interfere with  
9       the operation, maintenance, replacement, modifica-  
10      tion, upgrade, or access to, existing flood control,  
11      utility, pipeline, and telecommunications facilities;  
12      roads or highway corridors; seismic monitoring fa-  
13      cilities; or other water infrastructure, including wild-  
14      life water developments or water district facilities,  
15      within or adjacent to an existing authorization  
16      boundary. Existing flood control, utility, pipeline,  
17      telecommunications, and seismic monitoring facili-  
18      ties, and other water infrastructure, including wild-  
19      life water developments or water district facilities,  
20      may be expanded, and new facilities of such kind  
21      may be constructed, to the extent consistent with the  
22      proper care and management of the objects identi-  
23      fied above and subject to the Secretary's authorities  
24      and other applicable law.

1                         (8) ACQUISITION OF VALID EXISTING  
2     RIGHTS.—The Secretary is authorized to acquire  
3     through exchange, donation, or purchase from a will-  
4     ing seller, mining claims or other valid existing  
5     rights within the monument that the Secretary de-  
6     termines, after consultation with the Commission or  
7     a culturally affiliated Tribe, threatens cultural re-  
8     sources within the monument.

9                         (9) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing  
10    rights, all Federal land located in the Monument is  
11    withdrawn from—

- 12                         (A) all forms of entry, appropriation, and  
13                             disposal under the public land laws;
- 14                         (B) location, entry, and patenting under  
15                             the mining laws; and
- 16                         (C) operation of the mineral leasing, min-  
17                             eral materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

18                         (10) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—

19                         (A) IN GENERAL.—The designation of this  
20                             Monument shall not create any protective pe-  
21                             rimeter or buffer zone.

22                         (B) ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE THE MONU-  
23                             MENT.—The fact that an activity or use on  
24                             land outside the Monument can be seen or  
25                             heard within the Monument shall not of itself

1           preclude the activity or use outside the bound-  
2           ary of the Monument.

3           (11) MILITARY ACTIVITIES.—Nothing in this  
4           Act precludes—

5                 (A) low-level overflights of military aircraft  
6                 over the Monument;

7                 (B) the designation of new units of special  
8                 airspace over the Monument;

9                 (C) the use or establishment of military  
10                 flight training routes over the Monument; or

11                 (D) the use of Federal lands within the  
12                 Monument for off-road or off-trail training pur-  
13                 suant to agreements between the Secretary and  
14                 the Department of Defense.

15           (12) TREATY RIGHTS.—Nothing in this Act al-  
16                 ters, modifies, enlarges, diminishes, or abrogates the  
17                 treaty rights of any Indian tribe, including off-res-  
18                 ervation reserved rights.

19           (13) JURISDICTION OVER FISH AND WILD-  
20                 LIFE.—

21                 (A) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this section  
22                 diminishes the jurisdiction of the State with re-  
23                 spect to fish and wildlife management, includ-  
24                 ing the regulation of fishing and hunting within  
25                 the Monument.

## 1                   (B) LIMITATIONS.—

2                   (i) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary  
3                 may designate by regulation areas in  
4                 which, and establish periods during which,  
5                 for reasons of public safety, administra-  
6                 tion, or compliance with applicable laws, no  
7                 hunting, fishing, or trapping will be per-  
8                 mitted in the monument.

9                   (ii) CONSULTATION.—Except in emer-  
10                 gencies, the Secretary shall consult with  
11                 the appropriate State agency before pro-  
12                 mulgating regulations under subparagraph  
13                 (A) that close a portion of the monument  
14                 to hunting, fishing, or trapping.

15                 (14) WILDLIFE WATER DEVELOPMENT  
16                 PROJECTS.—In accordance with applicable law (in-  
17                 cluding regulations), the Secretary may authorize  
18                 structures and facilities, including maintenance of  
19                 existing structures and facilities, for wildlife water  
20                 development projects, including guzzlers, in the  
21                 Monument designated by this Act if—

22                 (A) the structures and facilities are nec-  
23                 essary to fulfill the purposes of the monument  
24                 described in subsection (b);

1                         (B) the structures and facilities will, as de-  
2                         termined by the Secretary, promote healthy,  
3                         viable, and more naturally distributed wildlife  
4                         populations; and

5                         (C) the visual impacts of the structures  
6                         and facilities on the Monument can reasonably  
7                         be minimized.

8                         (15) MAP; LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—

9                         (A) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable  
10                         after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
11                         retary shall submit to the Natural Resources  
12                         Committee of the House of Representatives and  
13                         the Energy and Natural Resources Committee  
14                         of the Senate a map and legal description of the  
15                         Monument.

16                         (B) CORRECTIONS.—The map and legal  
17                         description submitted under paragraph (1) shall  
18                         have the same force and effect as if included in  
19                         this Act, except that the Secretary may correct  
20                         any clerical or typographical errors in the legal  
21                         description and the map.

22                         (C) CONFLICT BETWEEN MAP AND LEGAL  
23                         DESCRIPTION.—In the case of a conflict be-  
24                         tween the map and the legal description, the  
25                         map shall control.

1                             (D) AVAILABILITY OF MAP AND LEGAL DE-  
2                             SCRIPTION.—Copies of the map and legal de-  
3                             scription shall be on file and available for public  
4                             inspection in the appropriate offices of the Bu-  
5                             reau of Land Management.

6                             (16) NEW RIGHTS-OF-WAY.—Nothing in this  
7                             Act prevents the Secretary from approving new  
8                             rights-of-way within the monument that the Sec-  
9                             retary determines, in consultation with applicable  
10                             State and local agencies and Tribes, are consistent  
11                             with—

- 12                             (A) this Act;
- 13                             (B) applicable laws (including regulations);
- 14                             (C) the Desert Renewable Energy Con-  
15                             servation Plan;
- 16                             (D) the purposes of the Monument de-  
17                             scribed in section 4(b); and
- 18                             (E) the management plan.

19                             (17) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

20                             (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years  
21                             after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
22                             retary shall develop a comprehensive plan for  
23                             the long-term management of the Monument.

1                                     (B) TRIBAL CONSULTATION.—The Sec-  
2                                     retary shall consult with culturally affiliated In-  
3                                     dian Tribes in—

- 4   (i) the development of the manage-  
5                                     ment plan; and  
6   (ii) making management decisions re-  
7                                     lating to the National Monument.

8                                     (C) OTHER CONSULTATION.—In devel-  
9                                     oping the management plan, the Secretary shall  
10                                    also consult with—

- 11   (i) appropriate State and local govern-  
12                                     mental entities;  
13   (ii) the advisory council; and  
14   (iii) members of the public.

15                                     (D) REQUIREMENTS.—The management  
16                                     plan shall—

- 17   (i) assess opportunities to improve  
18                                     recreational opportunities within, and ac-  
19                                     cess to, the Monument in a manner that  
20                                     conserves, protects, and enhances Monu-  
21                                     ment resources and furthers the purposes  
22                                     described in subsection (b);  
23   (ii) incorporate traditional ecological  
24                                     knowledge; and

1                         (iii) identify opportunities to interpret  
2                         Monument resources for members of the  
3                         public.

4                         (E) INCORPORATION OF PLANS.—In devel-  
5                         oping the management plan, to the extent con-  
6                         sistent with this section, the Secretary may in-  
7                         corporate any provision of an applicable land  
8                         and resource management plan.

9                         (F) EFFECT.—If there is a conflict be-  
10                         tween this section and the Desert Renewable  
11                         Energy Conservation Plan, the more restrictive  
12                         provision shall control.

13                         (18) WILDFIRE.—In accordance with this Act  
14                         and applicable law (including regulations), the Sec-  
15                         retary may take any measures within the monument  
16                         that the Secretary determines to be necessary to  
17                         control fire, insects, and diseases, including, as the  
18                         Secretary determines appropriate, the coordination  
19                         of those activities with a State or local agency.

20                         (19) INCORPORATION OF ACQUIRED LAND AND  
21                         INTERESTS.—Any land or interest in land within the  
22                         boundary of the Monument that is acquired by the  
23                         United States shall—

24                         (A) become part of the Monument;

- 1                         (B) be withdrawn in accordance with para-  
2                         graph (13); and  
3                         (C) be managed in accordance with—  
4                                 (i) the Federal Land Policy and Man-  
5                                 agement Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et  
6                                 seq.);  
7                                 (ii) this section; and  
8                                 (iii) any other applicable law (includ-  
9                                 ing regulations).

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