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H. R. 8157

To require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an appraisal of certain land within Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve, Alaska, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

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

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 “Orange Hill Appraisal
5 and Conservation Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) MAP.—The term “map” means the Na-
2 tional Park Service map entitled “_____”
3 and dated _____.

4 (2) NEJV.—The term “NEJV” means North-
5 west Explorations Joint Venture, the owners of the
6 Orange Hill Parcel.

7 (3) ORANGE HILL PARCEL.—The term “Orange
8 Hill Parcel” means the approximately 363 acres
9 known as Tract No. 32–101, US Mineral Survey
10 No. 1414, Chitina Recording District, Third Judicial
11 District, State of Alaska, and generally depicted on
12 the map as “_____”.

13 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
14 the Secretary of the Interior.

15 **SEC. 3. APPRAISAL OF ORANGE HILL PARCEL.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
17 date of the enactment of this Act, the value of the surface
18 and subsurface estate of the Orange Hill Parcel shall be
19 determined by the Secretary through an appraisal per-
20 formed in accordance with—

21 (1) the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Fed-
22 eral Land Acquisitions; and

23 (2) the Uniform Standards of Professional Ap-
24 praisal Practice.

1 (b) APPRAISER.—The appraisal required by sub-
2 section (a) shall be performed by an independent and
3 qualified appraiser—

4 (1) selected by NEJV; and

5 (2) approved by the Secretary.

6 (c) MINERALS.—The appraisal required by sub-
7 section (a) shall take into account mineral and technical
8 reports provided by the Secretary and NEJV in the eval-
9 uation of mineral deposits on the Orange Hill Parcel.

10 (d) COSTS.—NEJV shall pay to the Secretary all
11 costs related to the appraisal required by subsection (a)
12 and other administrative costs.

13 **SEC. 4. MAP.**

14 (a) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The Secretary shall file
15 the map and make the map available for public inspection
16 in the Superintendent's Office of the Wrangell-St. Elias
17 National Park and Preserve.

18 (b) CORRECTIONS OF ERRORS.—The Secretary may
19 correct minor errors in the map.

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